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Introduction

The Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC), in cooperation with the Centre National Pour La Recherche Scientifique et Technique Laboratoire De Geophysique (CNRST), recently investigated potential seismic array sites in Morocco. Three potential sites were identified and investigated to determine which was the most viable. This report describes the site investigation process and summarizes the results of the site surveys.

Site Survey Format.

The site survey format in this report includes:

- Area map showing survey station sites
- General description of site and surrounding area
 - Site description
 - Site geology
 - Noise spectra
 - Noise and event data
 - Topographic map showing coordinates and elevation
- Accessibility
- Power availability
- Communications availability
- Site comparison tables

Site Selection Criteria.

Several criteria are used in the site selection process. Information related to these criteria are addressed in this report. The criteria are:

- Lowest seismic noise level
- Highest signal-to-noise ratio
- Competent rock for seismometer emplacement
- Suitable topography for line-of-sight radio telemetry
- Physical accessibility via existing roads
- Power/communications availability
- Logistical supportability

Site Selection Process.

The basic steps for site selection are:

- Conduct literature study to select candidate locations for site surveys
- Conduct field survey at each candidate location and collect seismic noise data
- Compile and evaluate all data

The site investigation for the Moroccan seismic array followed this process.

Pre-Survey Studies

The initial step in selecting candidate sites was to gather available information on the area, including topography, geology, climate, and other characteristics which are considered in the site selection process. Geologic and topographic maps were obtained for several areas and were used to identify potential array locations. In this initial search, the main consideration focused on identifying sites with a high probability of finding granite at the surface for adequate sensor coupling and regional signal detection. In addition, the topography of the site had to facilitate line-of-sight radio communications within a 4-kilometer array aperture. Fourteen sites were initially selected for the investigation throughout northern and central Morocco. Eleven sites were eliminated because they were too close to a sea coast, too small to support an array, or had too much relief. The following paragraphs provide descriptions of the tectonic setting, geology, and cultural activities found in the areas of the three remaining sites.

Appendix A provides pre-survey material consisting of maps and imagery.

General Location Map of the Survey Areas.

The general survey areas are shown on the Morocco country map indicated by green circles in Figure 1 below. Site 1 is located about 60 kilometers (km) southwest of the town of Oujda and about 80 km south of the Mediterranean Sea coast. Site 2 is located about 50 km west of the town of Midelt between the High Atlas Mountains to the north and the Middle Atlas Mountains to the south. Site 3 is located south of the High Atlas Mountains about 30 km south of the town of Tinerhir. Paved all-weather highways connect most major towns throughout the country. The roads into the survey areas are either gravel or unimproved dirt.

Location Map of Survey Areas

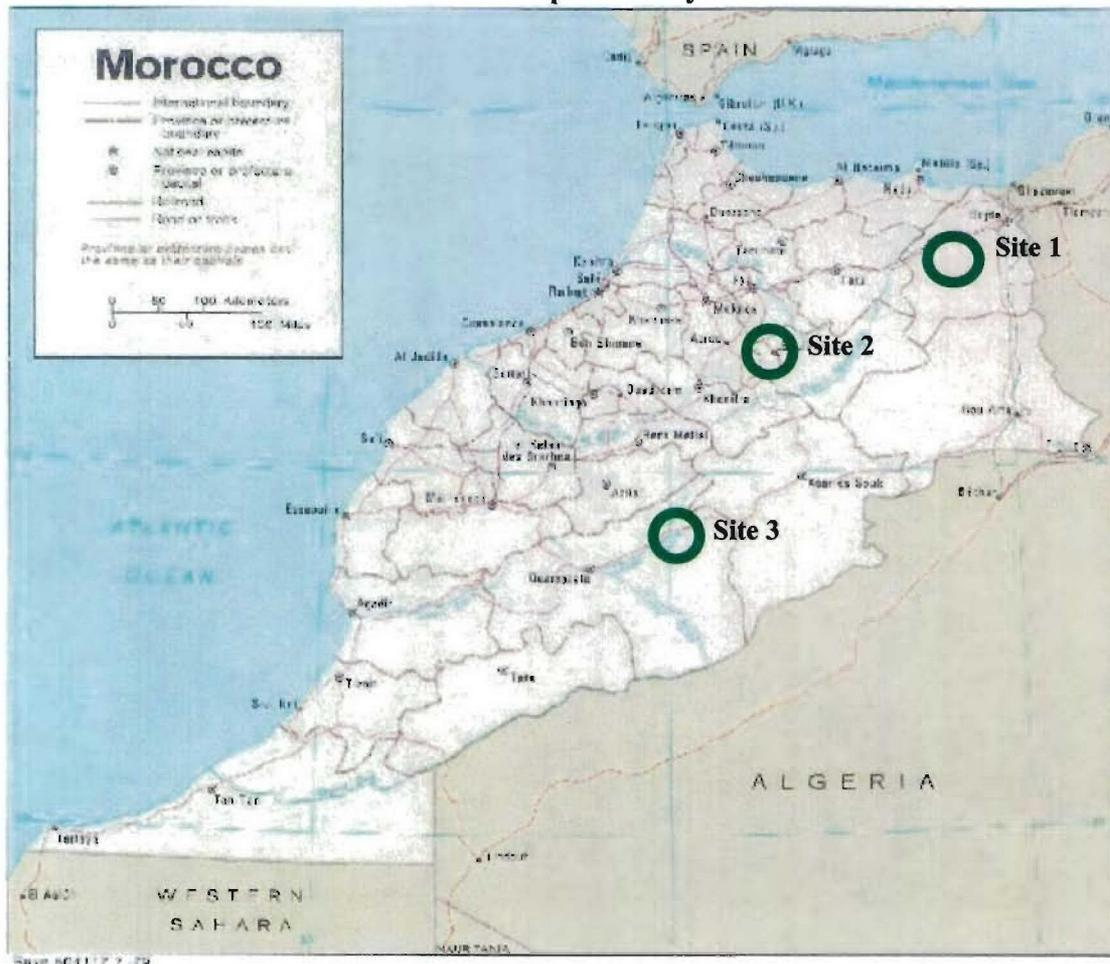


Figure 1. Political map of Morocco with the general areas of investigation circled.

General Geologic Map of Survey Areas.

On the geologic map shown (Figure 2) are outlined the boundary areas of the three sites identified for additional investigation. Each of these sites will now be described in more detail.

Geologic Map of Survey Areas



Figure 2a. Geology map of Morocco indicating locations of the three sites. Granitic rocks are denoted as solid red. Green circles show survey areas.

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Figure 2b. Legend for Figure 2b.

Site 1 (Oujda) Description.

Geology Summary. This area has a small granitic intrusive. A portion of a geologic map of this area follows Site 1 survey area is circled in black.

Geologic Map of Site 1

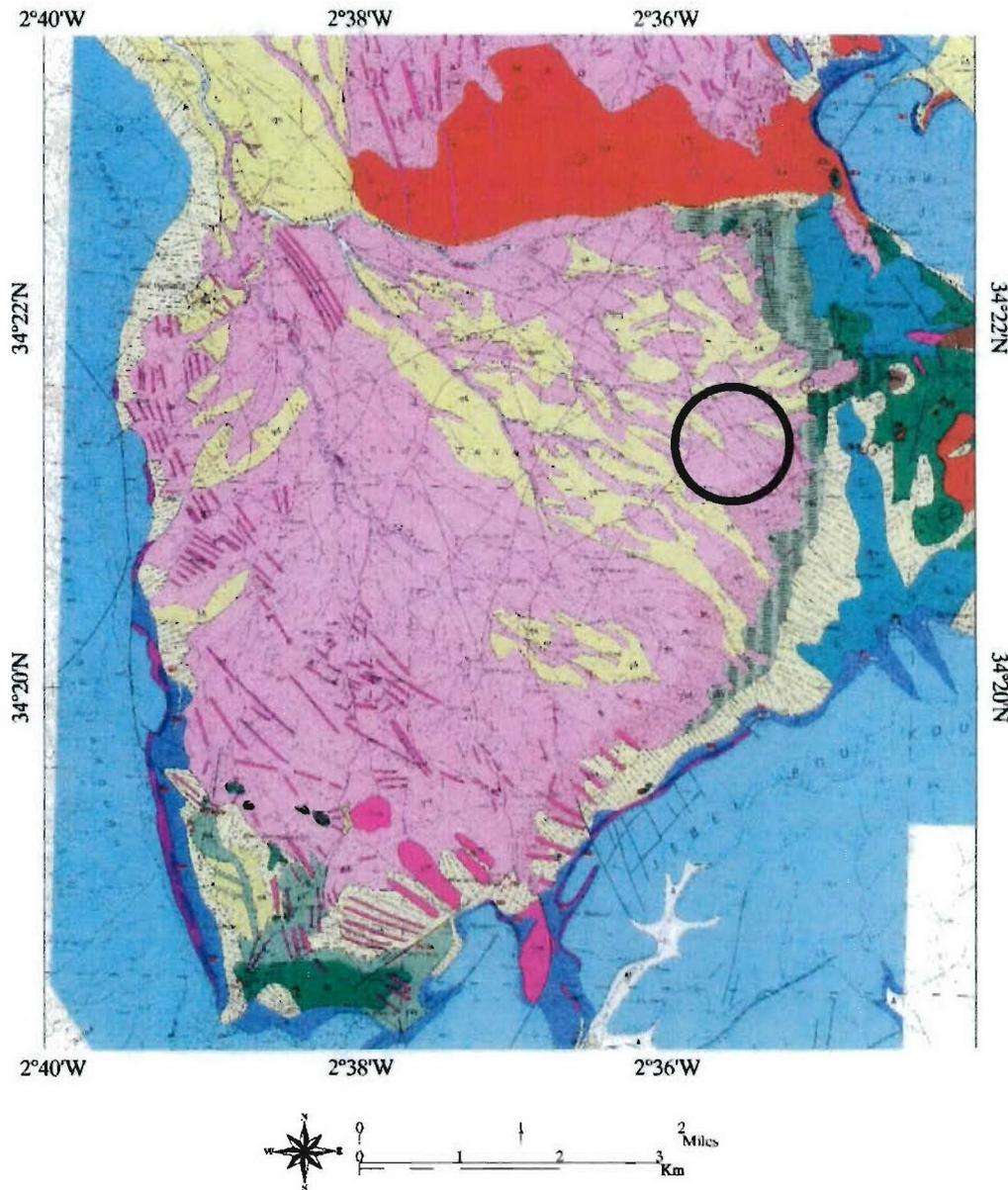


Figure 3a. Location of the granitic intrusive for Site 1.



Figure 3b. Legend for geological map in Figure 3a. Pinks and reds are granites.

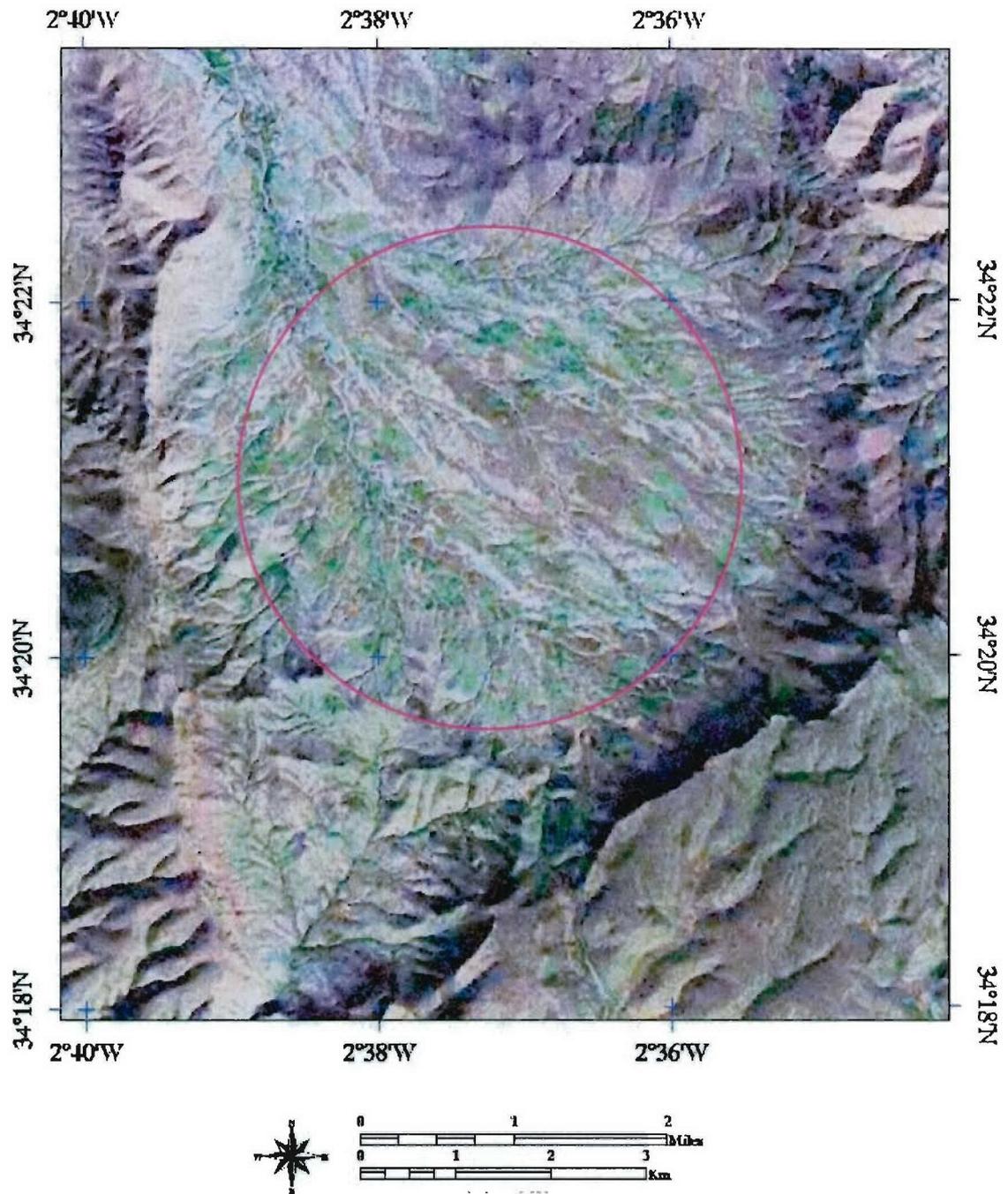


Figure 4. Landsat image of the area proposed for Site 1. Note the rough topography outside of the immediate area.

View of Site 1



Figure 6. Photo of Site 1 survey area.

Accessibility. Access to the survey area is via paved road to the town of Tanacherfi, and through the center of the proposed array area. Dirt roads lead off of this paved road into other locations in the proposed array area.

Communications Consideration. A microwave link was noted in the town, and a nearby high mountain top had an army communications center and a television transmission tower.

Power. Commercial power is available approximately 2 km from site.

Land Owner. The land is community/township owned.

Site 2 (Midelt) Description.

Geology Summary. The area of Site 2 has a small granitic intrusive, surrounded by sedimentary rocks. The granitic rocks are exposed at the surface with, at most, several meters thickness of the sedimentary rocks on top.

Geologic Map of Site 2

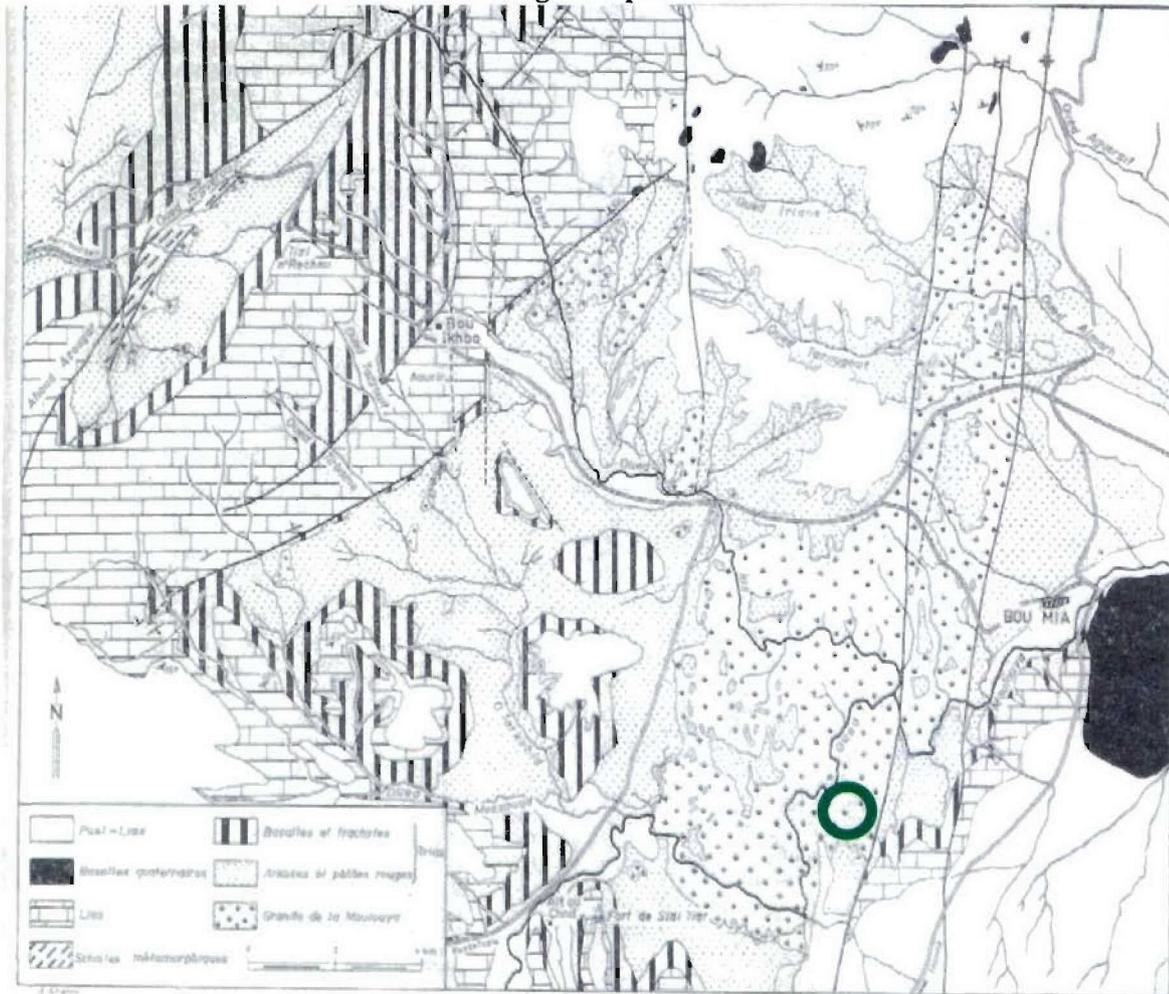


Figure 7. Location of the survey area for Site 2.

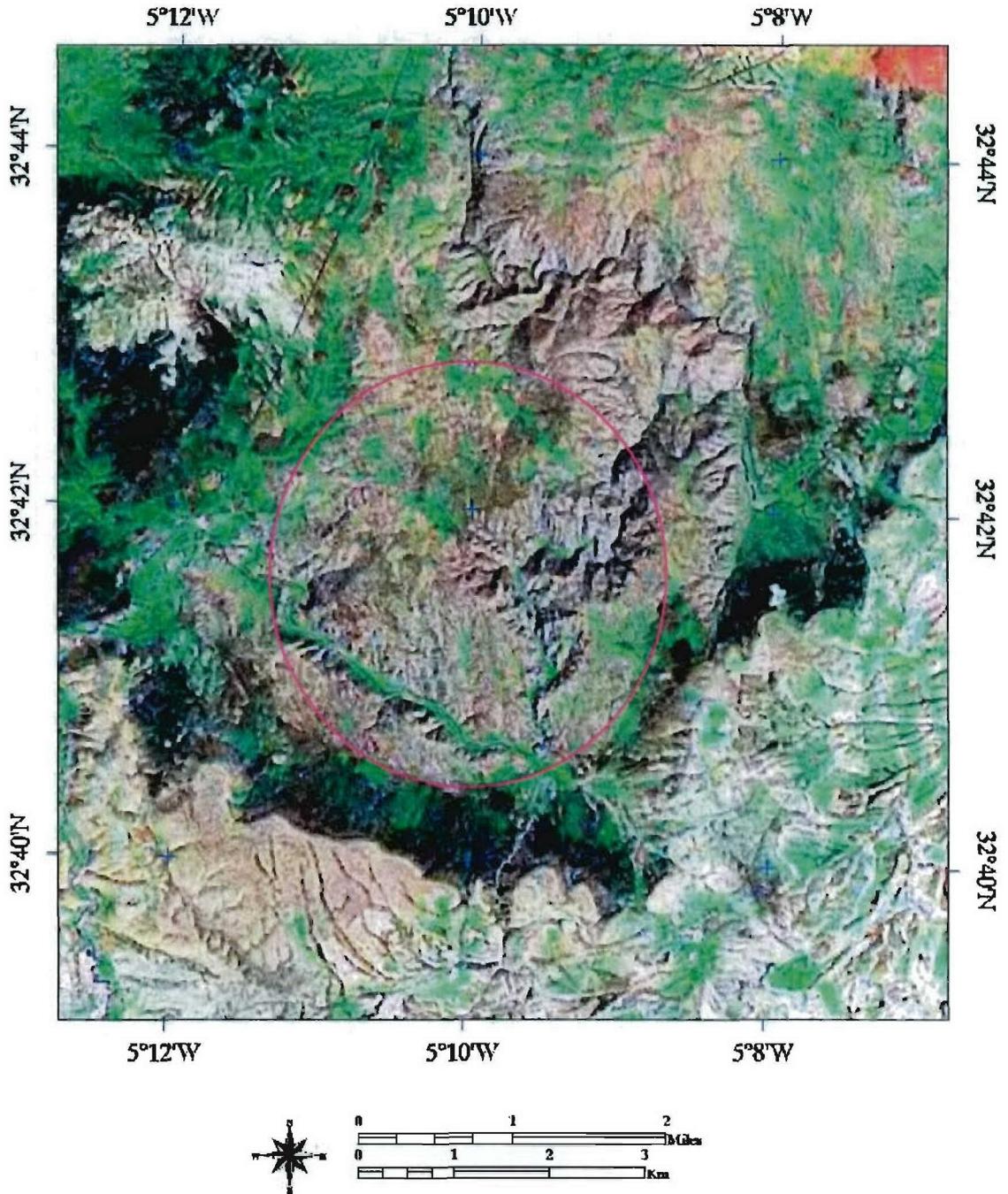


Figure 8. Landsat image of granite for Site 2 with a 4 km array superimposed. Note that the plateau is deeply dissected, and a highway runs along the north and west perimeters.

Noise Survey. Noise data were collected from a 3-sensor triangular array with a diameter of approximately 0.5 km. The array consisted of two Guralp ESPDs and one GS13. See Appendix A, Sensor Coordinates, for the sensor locations. Additional data were collected in the Midelt vault (MDT) located 46 km to the east, and used both for comparison to this site and in the event location procedures.

Topographic Map of Site 2

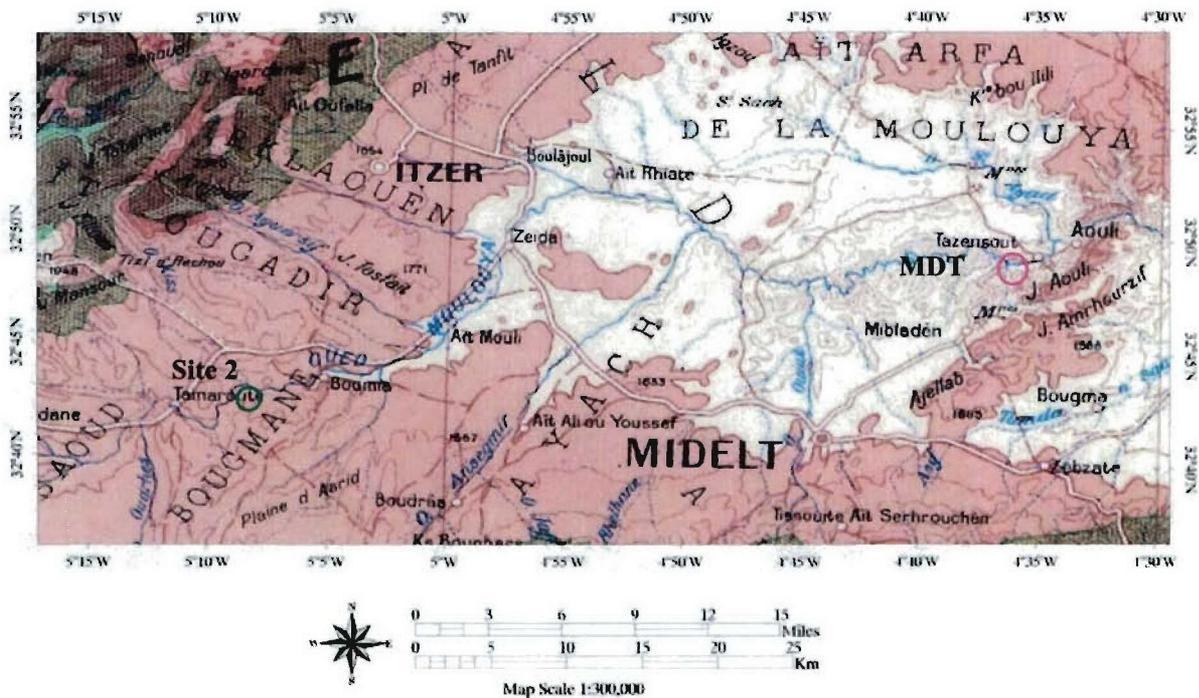


Figure 9. Site 2 data collection area. Approximate location of Site 2 survey area denoted by green circle. The site is located on a plateau of moderate relief which is dissected by a small river. The station MDT is located northeast of Mibladen along the Moulouya River and shown with a magenta circle.

Cultural Noise Sources. The area is surrounded by paved roads; however, the traffic is generally light and consists primarily of farm vehicles, light trucks, and automobiles. A high voltage transmission line with towers is on the northern half of the site. Drilling of a deep well was noted about 15 km from the site, and others may exist in the area for farming. The area near the site is mainly an agricultural area; however, there are many abandoned galena mines, some of which only appear to be recently abandoned. The prospects of reactivation appear low according to our host. Interestingly, the seismic noise data indicated a large difference in the background noise between the weekday and weekend for this site (see the accompanying noise section). In addition, the station MDT had a much lower background noise level overall. The source of this increased seismic noise is obviously due to cultural activities which were never identified as coming from the immediate vicinity of Boumia. Boumia is mainly a small village supporting agricultural activity in the surrounding countryside, with no heavy industry noted. A dam 150 meters tall is being constructed about 35 kilometers to the east along the Moulouya River. This dam is too far away to be of consequential significance with respect to the seismic noise level.

View of Site 2



Figure 10. View of Site 2, showing a typical sensor emplacement. Note the rolling topography on the plateau. However, looks are deceiving as the plateau is deeply dissected by stream beds running through this site as seen from the Landsat imagery in the map appendix.

Accessibility. Paved roads surround the perimeter of the proposed site on all sides, with the last 3 km of the survey area accessible by a dirt farm road.

Communications Consideration. A microwave communications tower was also noted on a nearby hill north of Boumia on the northern portion of the granite and another in the village of Boumia.

Power. Commercial power is available approximately 5 km from the survey site, with power lines noted parallel to the paved farm roads surrounding the site.

Land Owner. The land is state-owned.

Site 3 (Tinerhir) Description.

Geology Summary. This area has a very large Precambrian granitic intrusive, surrounded by volcanic extrusive rocks. In the actual proposed location of the array, there is a thick Quaternary layer of sediments whose depth was not determined, but could be as much as 100 meters thick in places based on the amount of sediment noted being delivered to the valley and the lack of outcrops. See the following photograph of the geologic map.

Geologic Map of Site 3

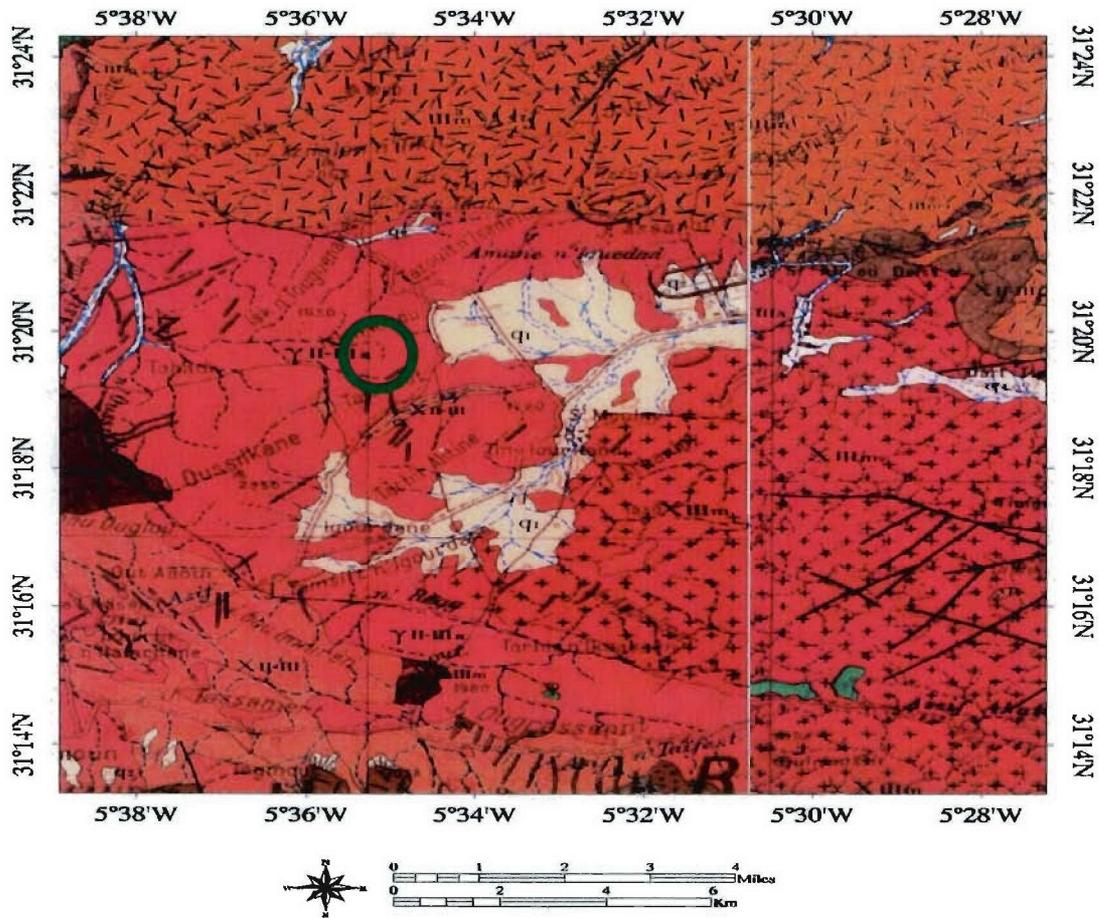


Figure 11a. Geological map of Site 3 granitic intrusive. Approximate location of Site 3 survey denoted by green circle. The granite appears to be a few meters below the surface in most places.

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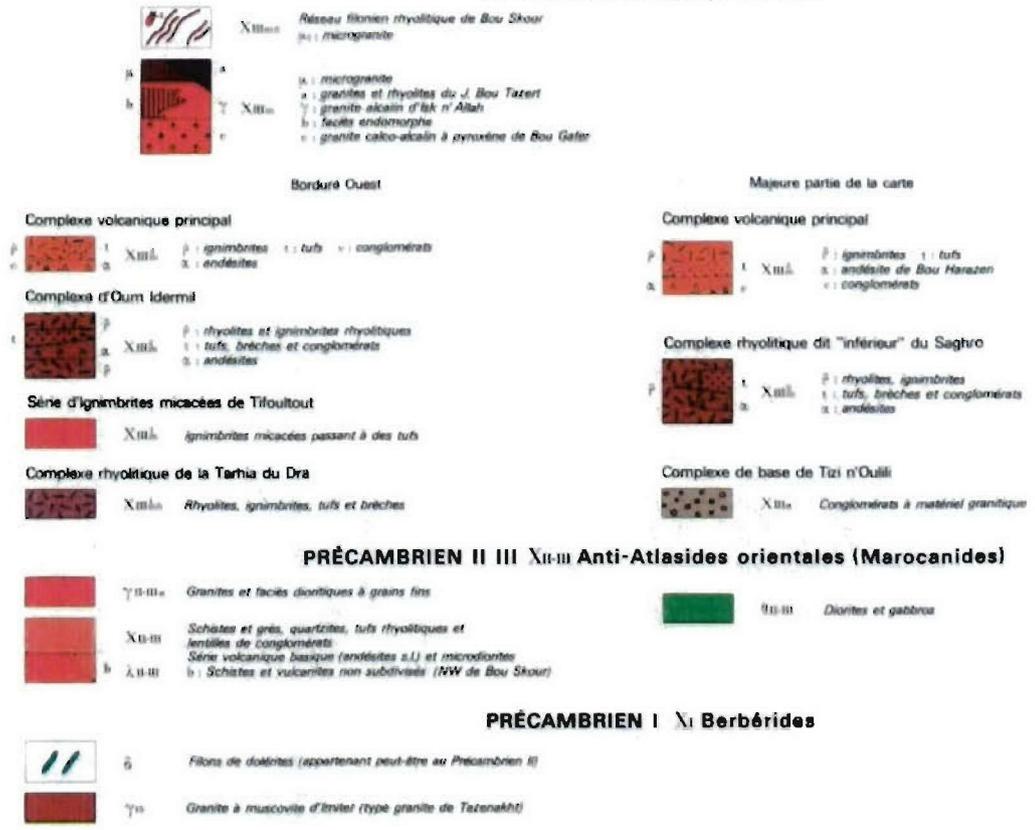


Figure 11b. Geology key to Figure 11a.

Topographic Map of Site 3

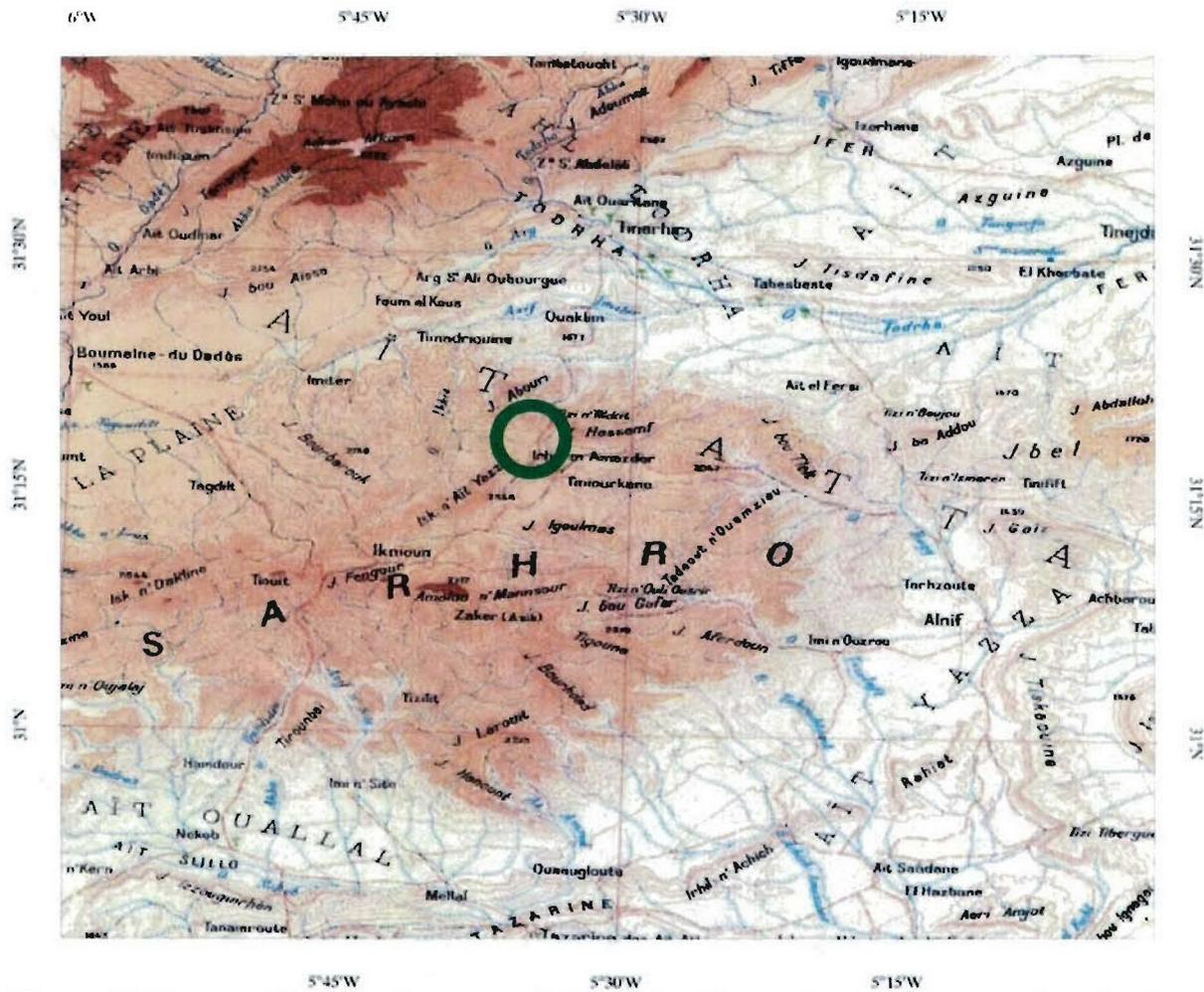


Figure 12. Topographic map of area around Site 3. On this map the circle is approximately 4 km. Contour interval is 20 meters.

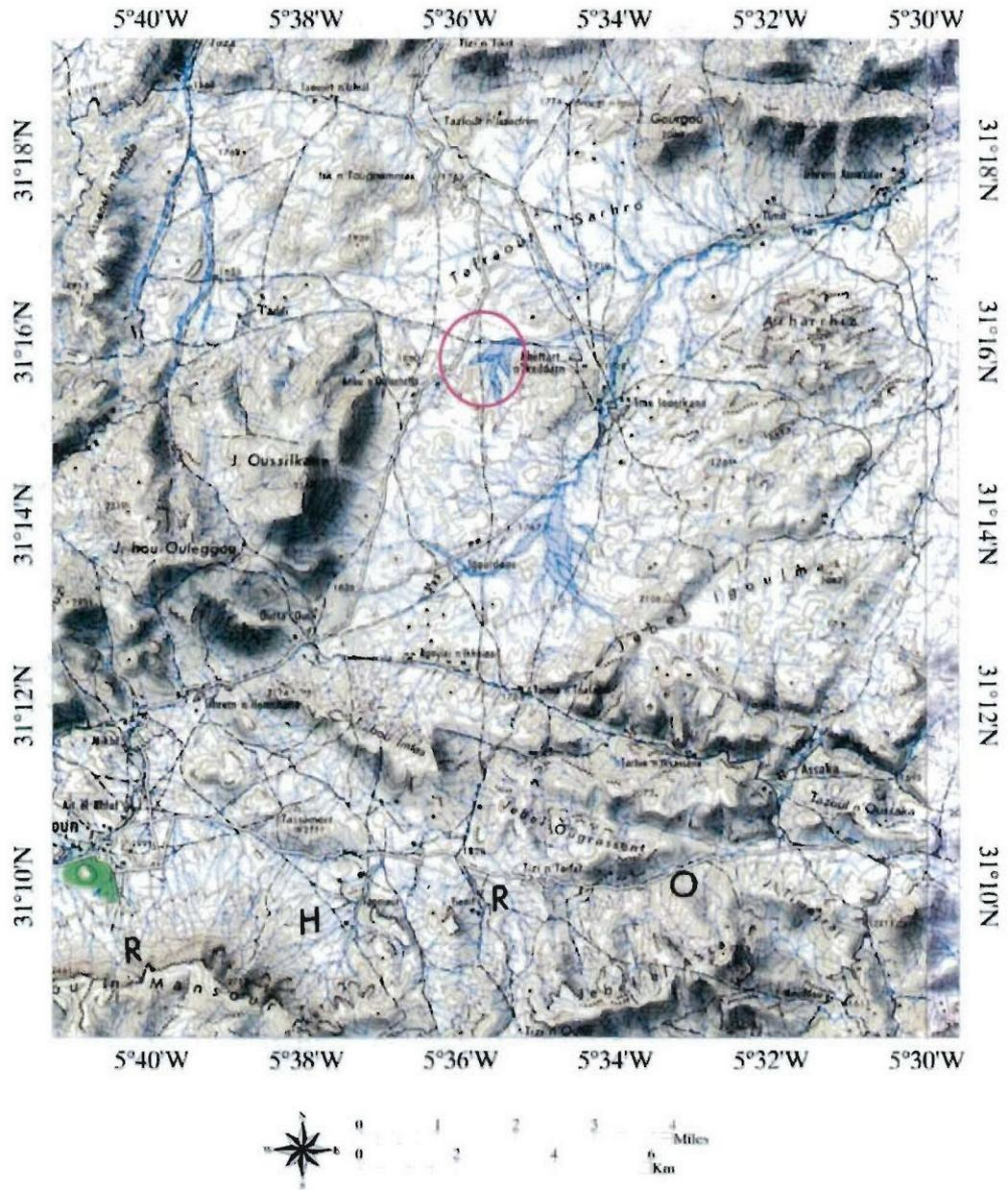


Figure 13. High resolution topographic map of same area, with circle at the approximate location of the proposed array.

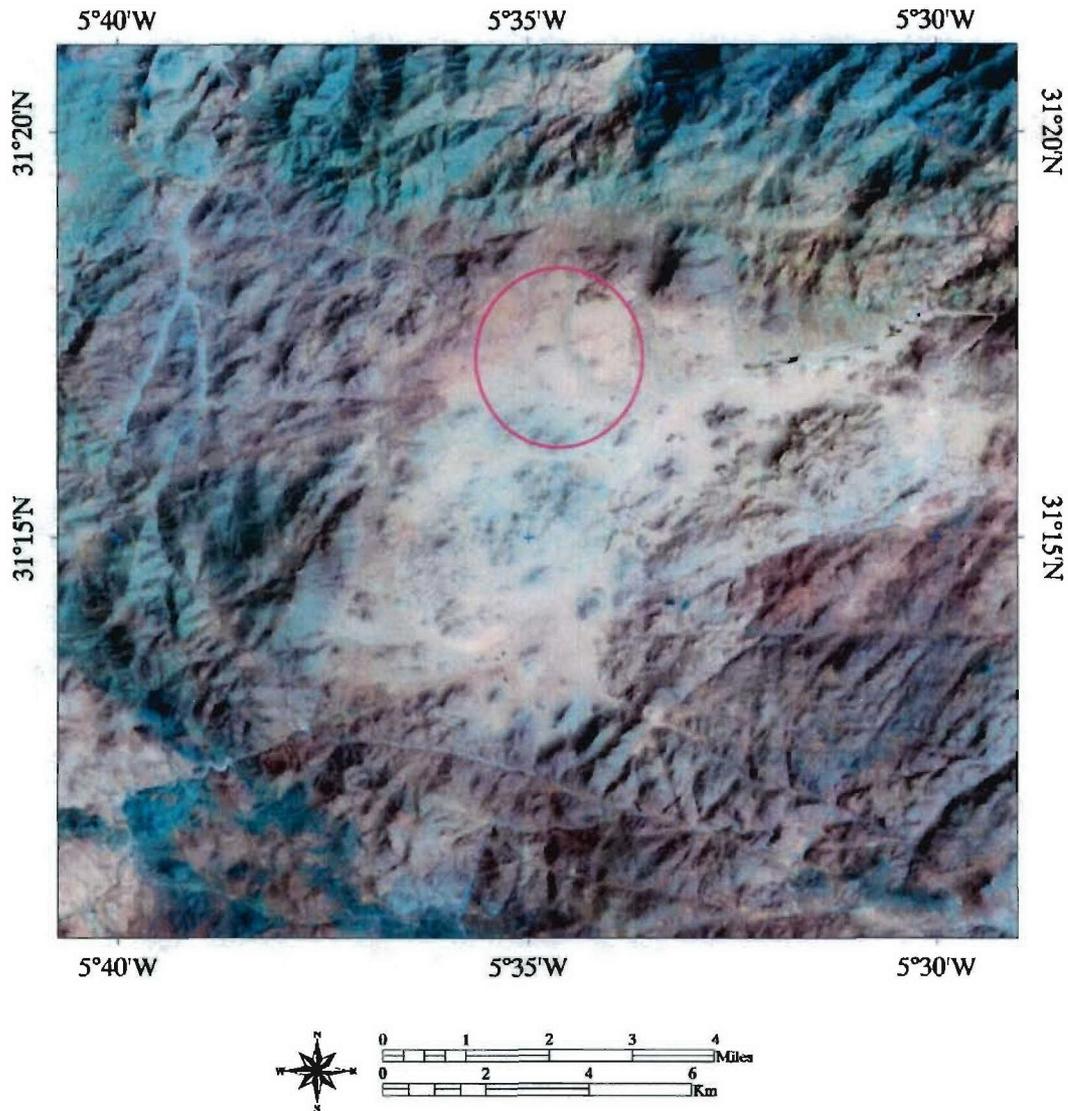


Figure 14. Landsat image of the Site 3 area as indicated in the geologic map. Note that the volcanics tend to have a bluish color tint while the granite is more reddish. One can clearly trace the granite/volcanic boundary in this photograph. The mountains in the lower right of the photograph, although in granite, are deeply dissected with 300-meter canyons, making location of the array in the mountains impossible. The only feasible area is that outlined by the circle.

Site 3 Spot Image

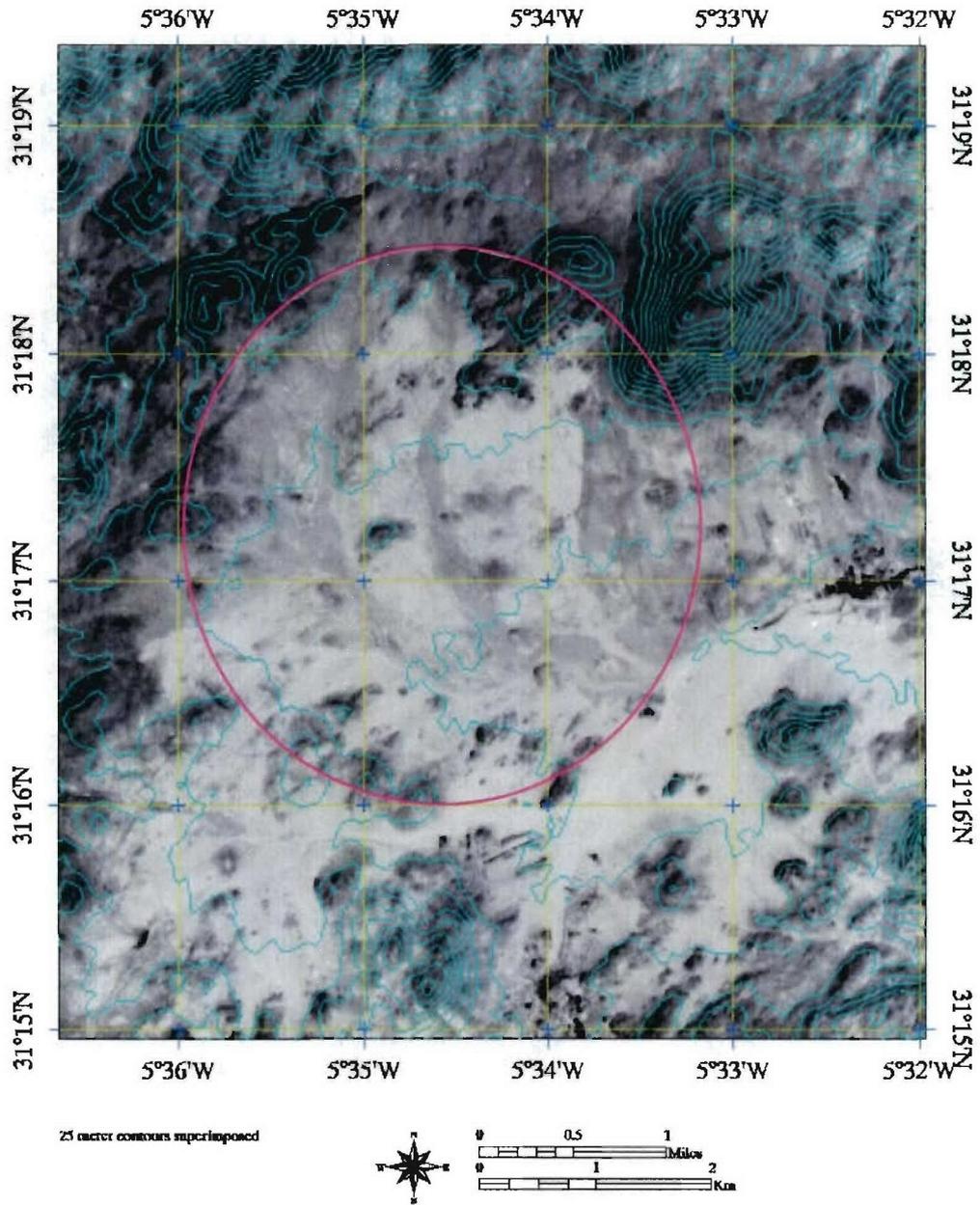


Figure 15. Spot image of Site 3 proposed array location with 25-meter contours superimposed. Proposed center is at approximately 31° 17' 19" N and 5° 34' 47" W. We would have a straight line-of-sight to all locations from the hill left of center with one contour line superimposed, without the use of repeaters. Note we are also outside the cultivated area.

Noise Survey. Noise data were collected from a 6-sensor circular array with a diameter of approximately 1 km. See Appendix A, Sensor Coordinates, for the sensor locations. In addition, a single short-period GS13 sensor was deployed in the center of the array. Data were collected for 6 days.

View of Site 3



Figure 16. View of Site 3, showing the levelness of the valley floor, and potentially thick sediments. This observation point is clearly shown on the Spot image (Figure 15) and is recommended for the approximate array center and communications collection point.

Cultural Noise Sources. This site is mainly an agricultural area used for grazing. Small explosions were detected from a mine/quarry located approximately 15 km to the northwest. The position of this quarry with respect to the array location is shown in Figure 17.

Accessibility. The area is accessible by dirt road.

Communications Consideration. No communications towers were noted in the area. Data may have to be transmitted by satellite from this location, due to its remoteness.

Power. No commercial power is available on-site. The closest location of a step-down transformer noted is in the village of Ikniouln, which is 20 km away from the proposed site. It was observed, however, that the villagers in the adjacent town several kilometers away from the proposed array location had electric power. The villagers said the power was part of a separate cooperative from the main Moroccan power grid, and that the power was reliable.

Land Owner. The land is state-owned.

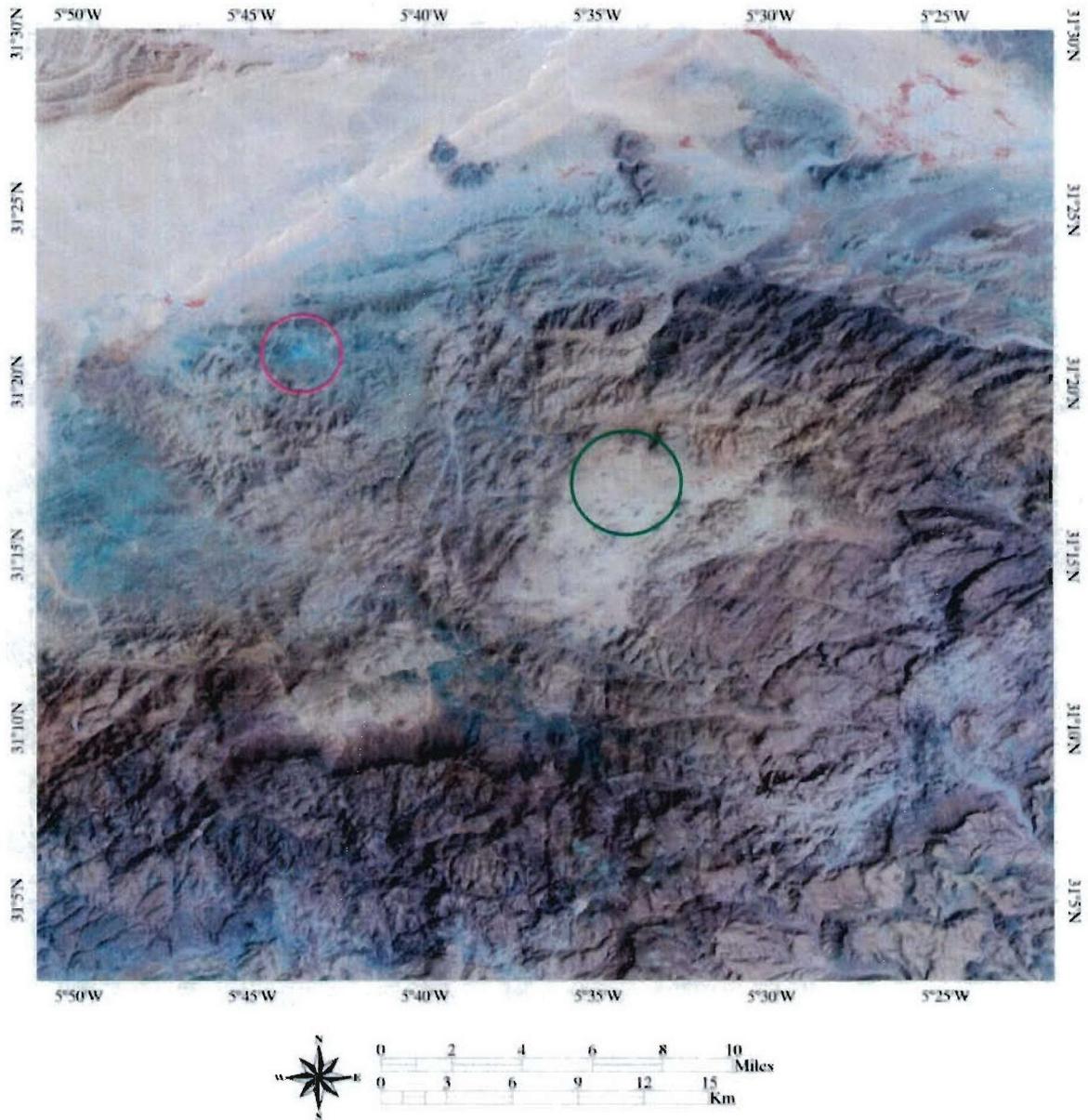


Figure 17. Location of mine is at 31° 21' N and 5° 44' W, about 14 km from the proposed array location at 31° 17' 19" N and 5° 34' 47" W. The mine has a blueish tint to it, and has a magenta circle surrounding it. The array location is indicated by a green circle. The rocks to the east and southeast are still in the granite body but are too highly dissected with canyons, several hundred meters deep, for easy array emplacement. The rocks at about the 4 o'clock position on the green circle have 300 meters relief, which is difficult to see at this scale.

Noise Spectra Analysis

Introduction.

Seismic data were collected at each survey location and the Midelt (station MDT) vault. For Site 1, the instruments consisted of five 3-component broadband Guralp sensors. At Site 2, the data were collected using two vertical broadband Guralp sensors and one short-period Geotech GS13. A full array of five Guralp sensors was intended for Site 2, but due to difficulties operating the equipment, only two of the Guralps provided data. At the Midelt vault, located in a horizontal mine shaft 100 meters inside a mountain with 100 meters of overburden, we set up three GS13s and a Reftek 130 digitizer/data recorder. At Site 3, we collected data from six broadband Guralp sensors, and a GS13 connected to a Reftek 130. The Guralps were connected to a radio network and data were forwarded to a central collection point. There were frequent dropouts on the Guralp system data. These dropouts complicated the data analysis, but were acceptable since only segments of the data were of interest. For Site 1, only Guralp sensors were used for the noise analysis. At Sites 2 and 3, noise spectra were determined with both the Guralp and Reftek digitizers and seismometer systems. The Guralp seismometer is an active sensor. The GS13 seismometer is a passive sensor, with a large voltage output. The system noise on the Guralps was larger than the background noise above about 7 Hertz (Hz), as can be seen in the spectral plots of Figure 5, Appendix B, comparing the Reftek and Guralp systems. Details of the calibration procedures used are provided in Appendix B, Calibration and Spectral Methods and Results, along with the instrument nominal response curves for phase and amplitude.

Objective of Noise Spectra Computation.

Our objective was to compare noise spectra for day and night, and workday and weekend segments. For Site 1, we compared spectra on Wednesday and Saturday, and for Site 2 on Thursday and Saturday. For Site 3, however, we never managed to obtain a full day of weekend data so, consequently, data on Wednesday and Friday were used. The samples chosen for analysis were 5-minute segments occurring between 0600 and 1800 local time for daytime segments, and segments occurring between 1800 and 0600 local time for nighttime segments. This allowed comparison of background seismic noise between systems for both day and night conditions. Noise conditions are generally quieter at night. We would find the quietest 5-minute period in each half hour block of data for the noise spectra computation. An appropriate data waveform segment for noise analysis is background noise containing no seismic events, no spikes or gaps due to an error in data transmission, and without clipping. After the appropriate data waveforms were selected, the mean and linear trend were removed from the data waveform. The power spectra were produced by auto-correlating the waveform segment using overlapping windows. The windows were formed using a Hanning window function, with an overlap of 50%. The auto-correlation was averaged over the number of windows used, the discrete Fourier transform was taken to produce the power spectral density, and the instrument frequency response was removed from the power spectra by the process of deconvolution. For each 300-second (5-minute) waveform segment, representing 12,000 points at a sampling rate of 40 samples per second, a total of 30 15-second (600-point) windows were used. The spectra were then stacked to determine mean values and standard deviations.

Noise Data Presentation.

Data are reported in a series of tables presented here at 1 and 6 Hertz, and representative power spectra are displayed for each site. The complete series of power spectra measured are shown in the Power Spectral Noise Plots, Appendix C. In addition, the actual spectra themselves show the characteristics of the noise over the entire frequency band of interest. Interesting features, such as spectral lines or peaks, show up and are generally due to man-made causes such as rock crushers, pumps, generators, and other cyclic sources of cultural noise. In addition, one can determine in which part of the frequency band the array will perform best. Three standard deviations are also shown on the plots from which the variability of the noise can be determined, along with the models for the Peterson New Low Noise and High Noise models (Jon Peterson, 1993). These Peterson models are an aggregate taken from a number of stations representing the lowest and highest noise measured at existing stations.

Noise Data Results.

The objective is to obtain a site with as low a noise value as possible. Generally speaking, sites more distant from the coast will have a lower noise value than those near a coastline. We have found from other site surveys that the coastal effect can be observed hundreds of kilometers inland. Another factor is the rock impedance (density times P-wave velocity). The contrast between high impedance intrusive rocks and lower impedance weathered country rocks naturally rejects horizontally arriving energy from nearby sources of noise while allowing for more vertically arriving energy from more distant sources. Thus, seismic observations made on high impedance granitic intrusives have consistently resulted in (1) lower overall noise and (2) higher signal-to-noise ratios, with higher density rocks performing better than low density rocks. There is also some indication that low density overburden on top of the high density rock will trap the wind noise (Young et al., 1996). For these reasons, we generally seek intrusive rock formations as far as possible from a coastline in areas of low cultural activity. If possible, boreholes are located in areas with some overburden. The spectral noise results, we will now show, support these generalities in Morocco.

A typical spectral curve for each site investigated is shown in Figures 18-21. These are plots of the displacement power as a function of frequency.

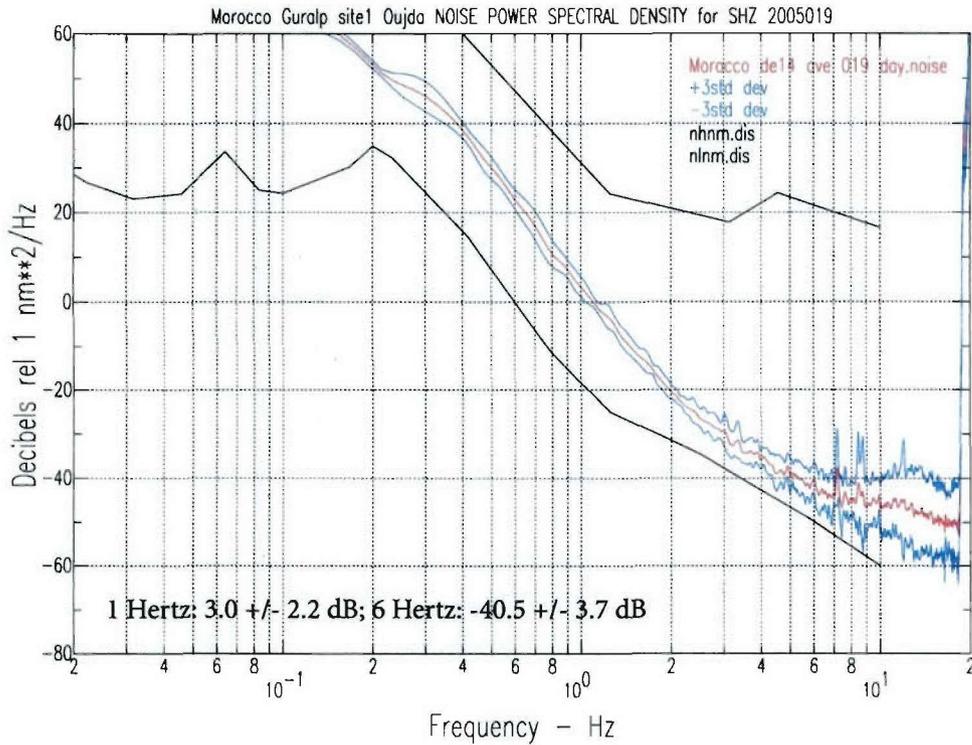


Figure 18. Daytime Power Spectral Density for Site 1. These data were computed on background noise segments with no regional events observed in the time domain traces. Note that at 1 Hz the power spectral density is above the reference level at 0 decibels (dB). In addition, there are several spectral lines noted here, one at approximately 7 Hz and one at 8.5 Hz. The large jump in the power at approximately 17 Hz is due to the effects of the anti-alias filter not being deconvolved, and is not real. In many cases, we are measuring instrument noise above 7 Hz for the Guralps.

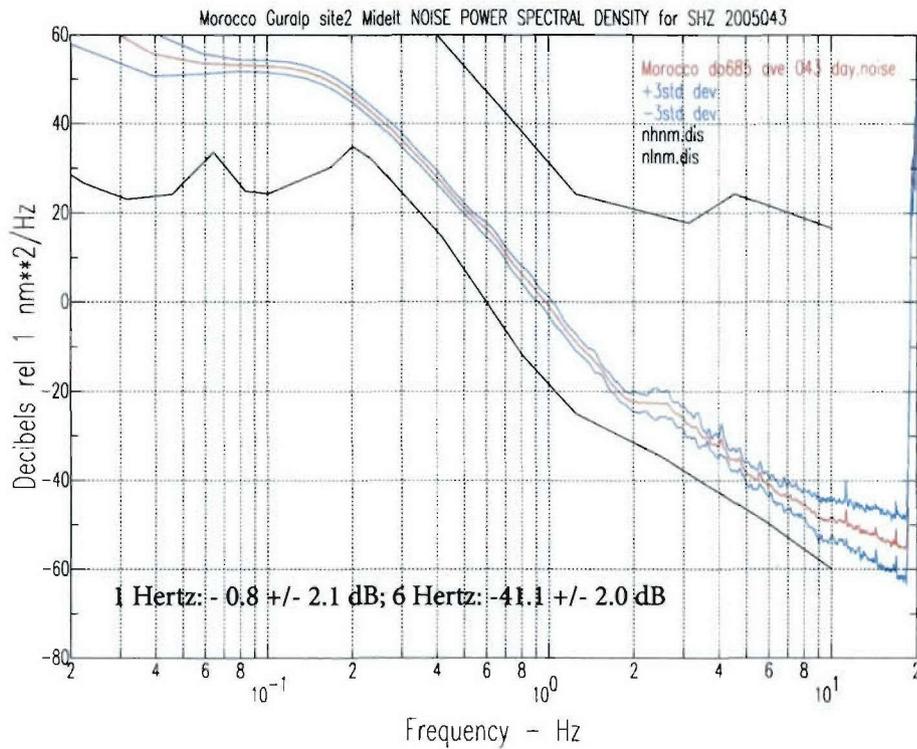


Figure 19. Daytime Power Spectral Density for Site 2. There is less variability for this spectrum, fewer large spectral peaks, and a slightly lower noise value at 1 Hz.

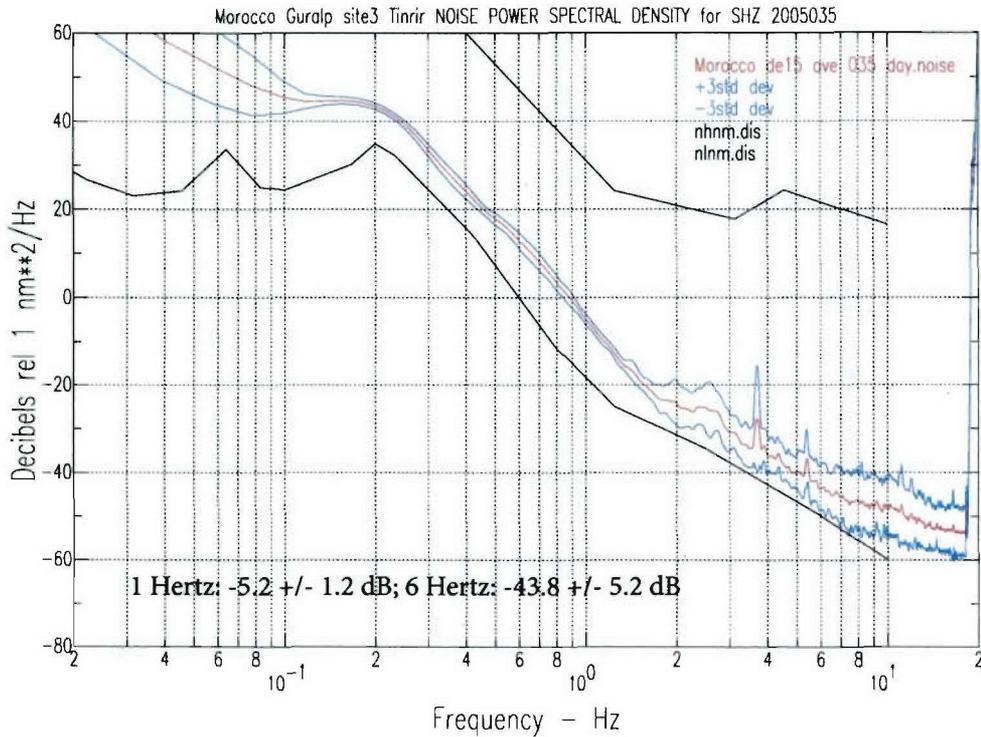


Figure 20. Daytime Power Spectral Density for Site 3. At 1 Hz, the power spectral density is considerably lower than the two previous sites. In addition, the power spectral density is lower for the higher frequencies with the exception of a notable peak at about 3.5 Hz. This peak disappears consistently at night as seen in Figure C-28 in Appendix C, confirming its cultural source.

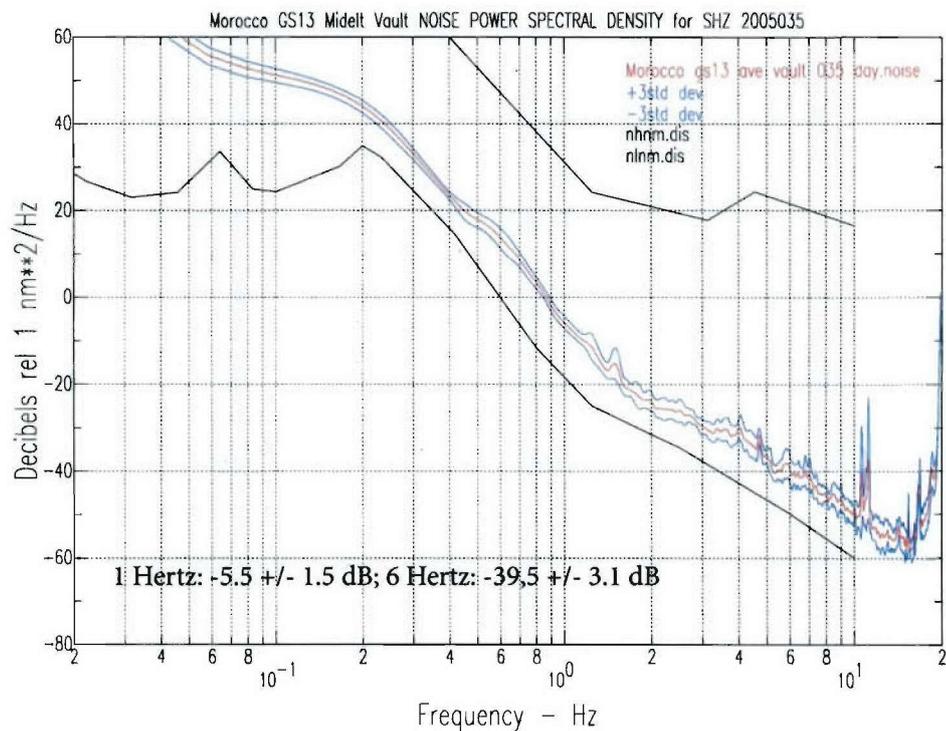


Figure 21. Daytime Power Spectral Density for the Midelt Vault. The power spectral density is comparable at 1 Hz to Site 3. In addition, we do not see the large spectral lines below 10 Hz, although there is a large one above 10 Hz. Also, the standard deviation is low, reflecting the fact that this site is below ground and wind noise attenuated.

We can also superimpose spectra from different sites for comparison. We show this in Figure 22 for daytime values, and in Figure 23 for nighttime values.

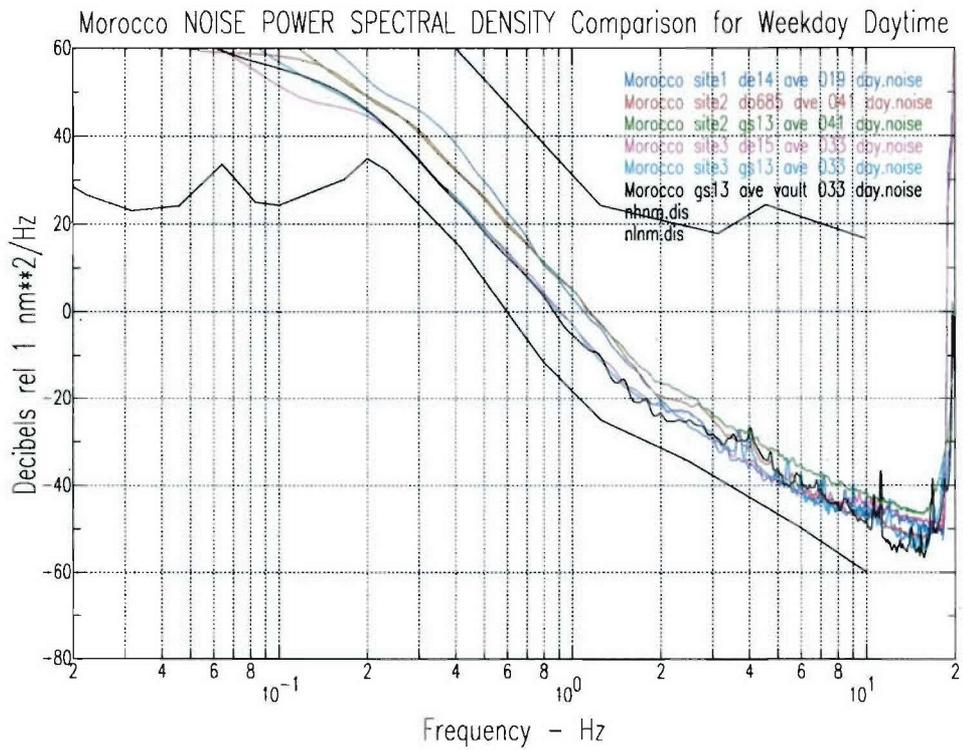


Figure 22. Weekday daytime values plotted for Sites 1, 2 and 3.

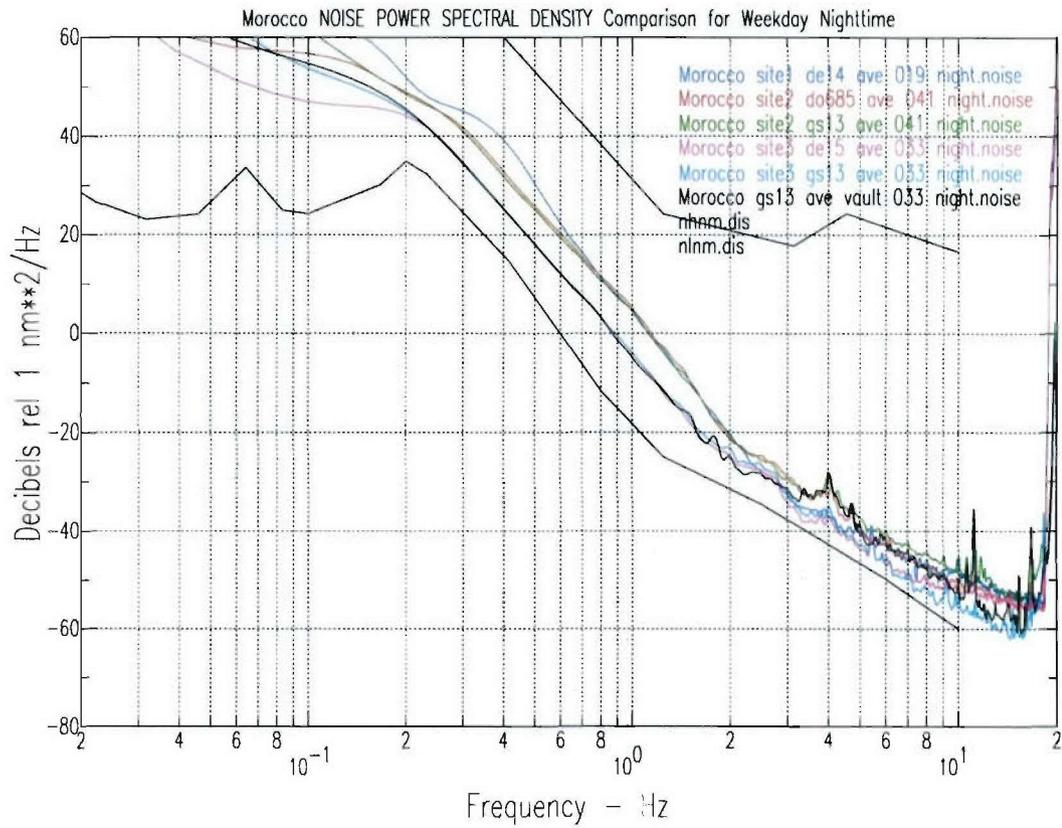


Figure 23. Comparison of power spectral values for weekdays at nighttime.

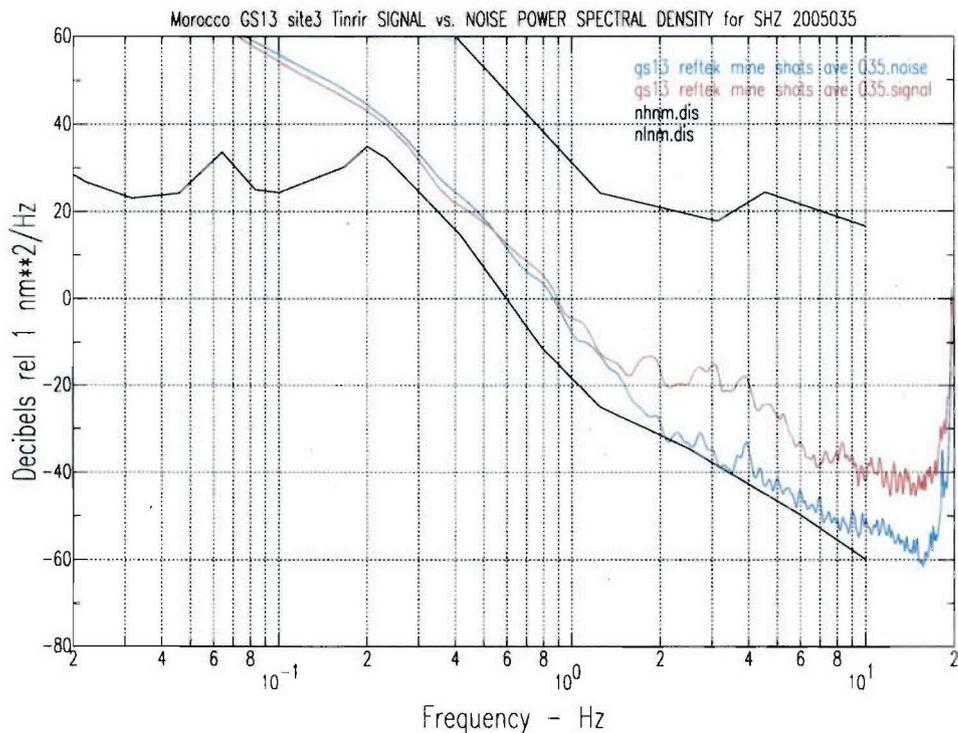


Figure 24. Power spectral density comparison for Site 3 mine blasts. Site 3 has a mine located 14 km to the northwest. At times, explosive shots were seen going through the temporary array from this direction. The spectra of one of these shots is presented in this figure in red, with the background noise in blue. The spectrum is spread out over most of the usable signal band, indicating the impulsive nature of the signals. The impulsive signals have a correlation coefficient of 0.6 across an array distance of 1 km perpendicular to the wavefront. The 4 km array will decorrelate these signals better than the temporary array which has only a 1 km aperture.

The values and averages at 1 and 6 Hz are summarized in Tables 1-3. Following these, some of these values are plotted in Figures 25-27, and a discussion of the observations follows in the next section.

Table 1: Daytime Noise Values (All Sites)

| Name | Year / Day of Year | Displ. PSD (dB) rel to 1 nm²/Hz (1 Hz, Daytime) | Standard Deviation (dB) (1 Hz, Daytime) | Displ. PSD (dB) rel to 1 nm²/Hz (6 Hz, Daytime) | Standard Deviation (dB) (6 Hz, Daytime) |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| NLNM | N/A | -18.0 | N/A | -49.8 | N/A |
| NHNM | N/A | 32.0 | N/A | +21.6 | N/A |
| Guralp site 1 | 2005019 | +3.0 | 2.6 | -40.5 | 3.7 |
| Guralp site 1 | 2005023 | -4.0 | 4.8 | -39.8 | 5.8 |
| Average site 1 | N/A | -0.5 | 7.2 | -40.1 | 0.8 |
| MDT vault | 2005033 | -5.2 | 1.9 | -39.1 | 3.1 |
| MDT vault | 2005035 | -5.5 | 1.5 | -39.5 | 3.1 |
| Average MDT vault | N/A | -5.4 | 0.3 | -39.3 | 0.5 |
| Reftek site 2 | 2005041 | +4.9 | 1.1 | -35.6 | 2.7 |
| Guralp site 2 | 2005041 | +5.0 | 0.7 | -39.8 | 2.6 |
| Reftek site 2 | 2005043 | -1.6 | 2.7 | -37.9 | 3.6 |
| Guralp site 2 | 2005043 | -0.8 | 2.1 | -41.1 | 2.0 |
| Average site 2 | N/A | +1.9 | 5.2 | -38.6 | 3.5 |
| Reftek site 3 | 2005033 | -3.1 | 1.4 | -46.1 | 4.2 |
| Guralp site 3 | 2005033 | -3.1 | 2.0 | -42.5 | 2.5 |
| Reftek site 3 | 2005035 | -4.8 | 1.0 | -41.3 | 4.8 |
| Guralp site 3 | 2005035 | -5.2 | 1.2 | -43.8 | 5.2 |
| Average site 3 | N/A | -4.0 | 1.6 | -41.3 | 3.9 |

Table 2: Nighttime Noise Values (All Sites)

| Name | Year / Day of Year | Displ. PSD (dB) rel to 1 nm²/Hz (1 Hz, Nighttime) | Standard Deviation (dB) (1 Hz, Nighttime) | Displ. PSD (dB) rel to 1 nm²/Hz (6 Hz, Nighttime) | Standard Deviation (dB) (6 Hz, Nighttime) |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| NLNM | N/A | -18.0 | N/A | -49.8 | N/A |
| NHNM | N/A | 32.0 | N/A | +21.6 | N/A |
| Guralp site 1 | 2005019 | 4.7 | 4.5 | -43.1 | 3.9 |
| Guralp site 1 | 2005023 | -4.5 | 2.3 | -46.3 | 3.3 |
| Average site 1 | N/A | +0.1 | 0.4 | -44.7 | 3.3 |
| MDT vault | 2005033 | -4.9 | 1.1 | -42.0 | 1.6 |
| MDT vault | 2005035 | -5.1 | 1.5 | -41.1 | 3.0 |
| Average MDT | N/A | -5.0 | 0.3 | -41.6 | 0.9 |
| Reftek site 2 | 2005041 | 4.5 | 1.2 | -39.7 | 4.7 |
| Guralp site 2 | 2005041 | 5.2 | 0.9 | -43.1 | 2.4 |
| Reftek site 2 | 2005043 | 0.7 | 2.7 | -38.5 | 8.5 |
| Guralp site 2 | 2005043 | 0.6 | 2.2 | -43.7 | 2.0 |
| Average site 2 | N/A | +2.7 | 3.5 | -41.2 | 3.7 |
| Reftek site 3 | 2005033 | -3.9 | 1.1 | -45.3 | 5.5 |
| Guralp site 3 | 2005033 | -4.0 | 1.5 | -47.1 | 2.6 |
| Reftek site 3 | 2005035 | -4.9 | 1.9 | -43.7 | 3.3 |
| Guralp site 3 | 2005035 | -5.3 | 1.6 | -47.2 | 2.4 |
| Average site 3 | N/A | -4.5 | 1.0 | -45.8 | 2.4 |

Table 3: Summary Table of Daily Averages

| Name | Displ. PSD (dB) rel to 1nm²/Hz (1 Hz, 24 hours) | Standard Deviation (dB) (1 Hz, 24 hours) | Displ. PSD (dB) rel to 1nm²/Hz (6 Hz, 24 hours) | Standard Deviation (dB) (6 Hz, 24 hours) |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|
| NLNM | -18.0 | N/A | -49.8 | N/A |
| NHNM | 32.0 | N/A | +21.6 | N/A |
| Site 1 | -0.2 | 6.9 | -42.4 | 4.3 |
| MDT vault | -5.2 | 0.4 | -40.4 | 2.0 |
| Site 2 | +2.3 | 4.1 | -39.9 | 3.9 |
| Site 3 | -4.3 | 1.3 | -43.6 | 4.6 |

Summary Noise Values @ 1 Hertz

average-circle, day-square, night-diamond

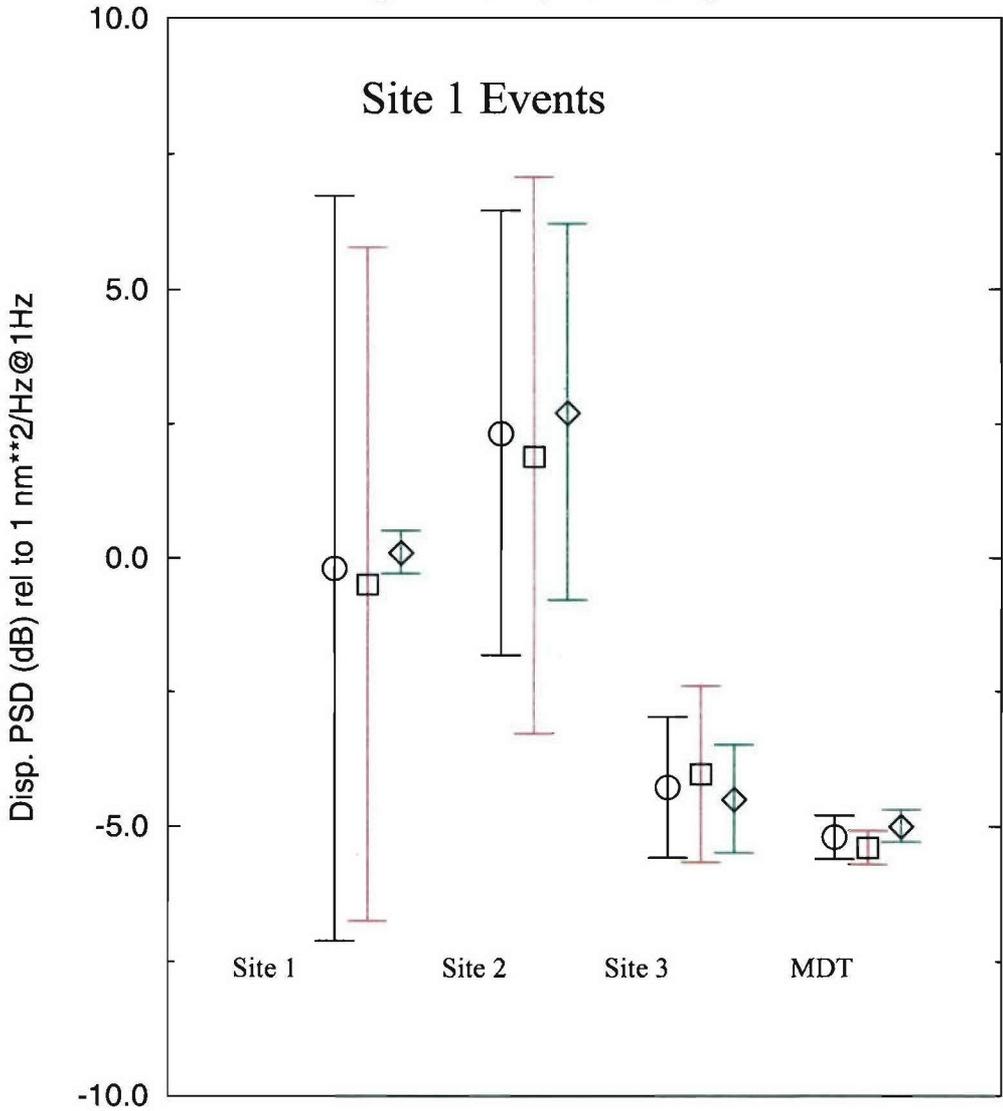


Figure 25. Summary values at 1 Hz for the three sites and MDT. It is clear that Site 3 and MDT have superior performance at 1 Hz.

Summary Noise Values @ 6 Hertz

average-circle, day-square, night-diamond

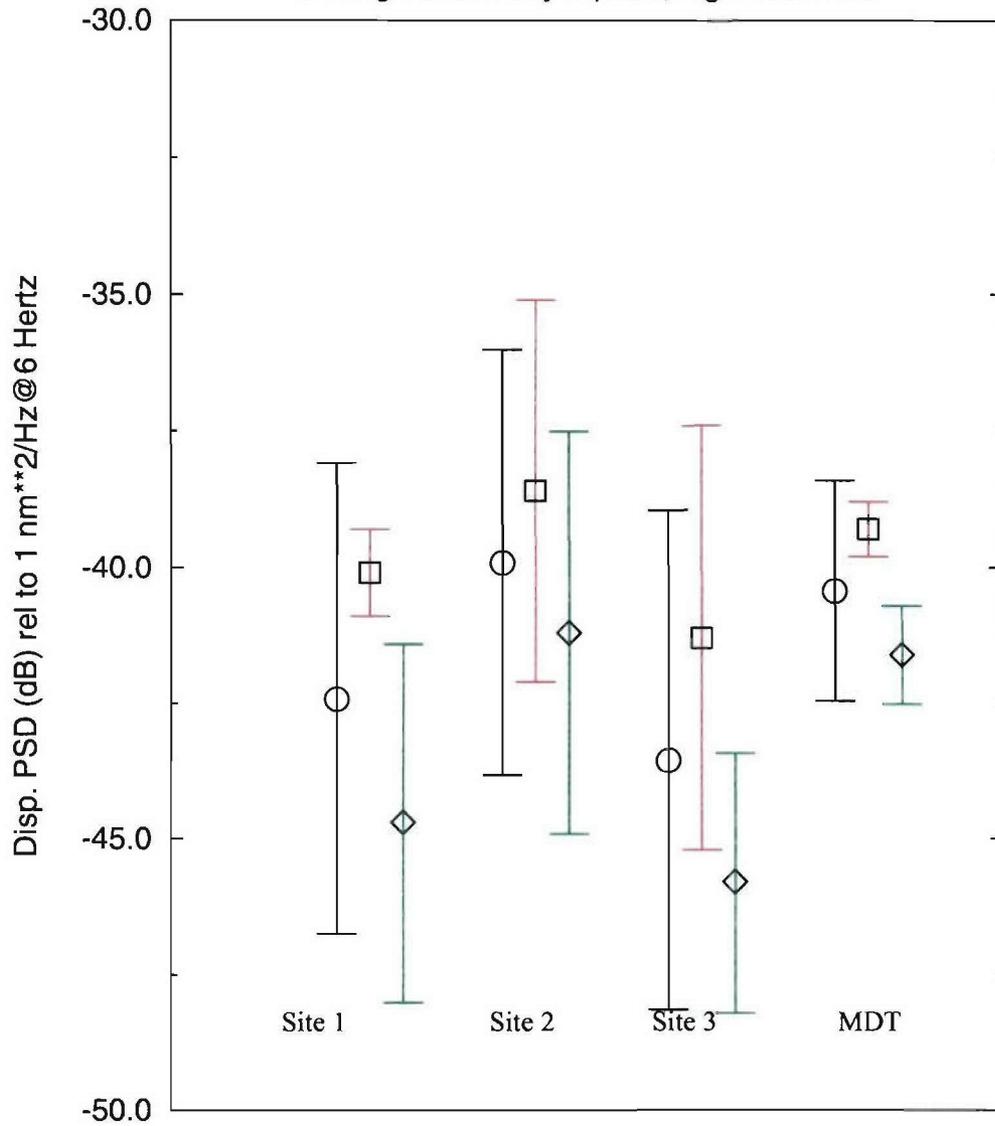


Figure 26. Comparison of daytime values at 6 Hz. Again, Site 3 has the lowest noise.

Weekday and Weekend noise @ 1 Hz

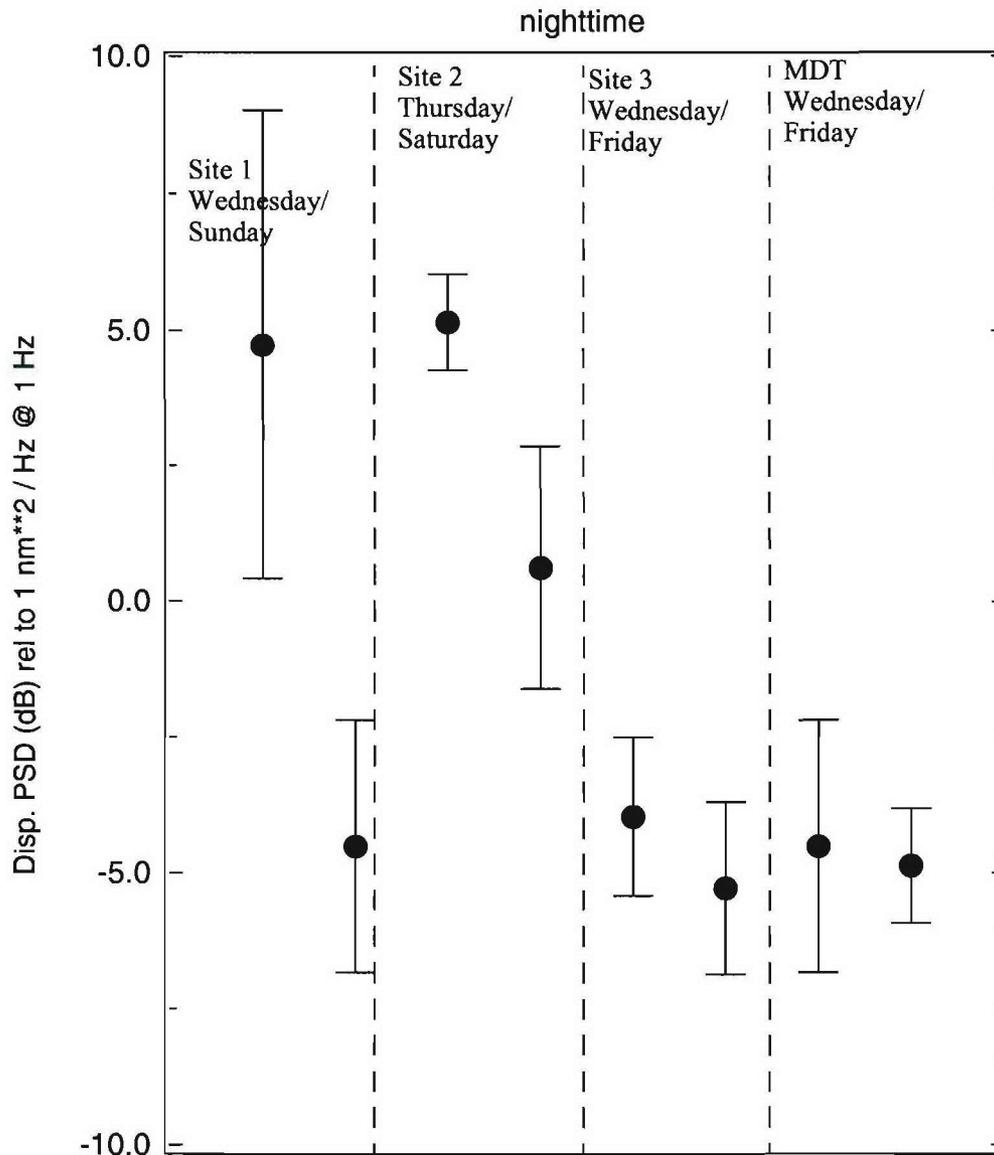


Figure 27. Comparison of 1 Hz noise values for Wednesday and Sunday for Sites 1 and 2, and for Wednesday and Friday for Sites 3 and MDT. It is obvious that at Sites 1 and 2, there is much more cultural noise present on workdays. The same data were not collected for Site 3; however, one can see that Wednesday is noisier than Friday. In addition, Sites 3 and MDT are much quieter overall.

Discussion.

Site 1 is much closer to the ocean than Sites 2 and 3, and would, therefore, be expected to have higher background noise values. What is surprising is that on weekends Site 1 is very quiet, indicating that the main cause of the increased noise is cultural, not due to its proximity to the coast. The high noise values measured at Site 2 were surprising, as the vault at MDT is only about 40 km to the east. The low value of the background noise for Site 3 was anticipated based on its distance from the coast. The fact that the cultural noise from the daytime is not much higher than for the nighttime indicates that overall cultural activity at Site 3 is not a major noise factor. The source of this noise is mainly the mine which is 14 km to the northwest. The mine noise would be effectively decorrelated by the 4 km diameter array. In addition, several dB noise reduction could be realized at 1 Hz and more at higher frequencies by putting the sensors in boreholes, making the site superior to MDT which is already in a vault.

Event Location Analysis

Introduction.

The main use of the proposed array by our host will be to monitor in-country seismicity. Therefore, one objective of our site survey was to determine the capability of each of the proposed sites to record regional events within Morocco. We wanted to demonstrate to our host that our main objective, which was to pick the quietest location in Morocco, was also consistent with their mission requirement to monitor in-country seismicity. To accomplish this objective, a large number of regional events were recorded from each of the three prospective array locations. We set up a temporary array at each of the three proposed site locations for the time periods described in Table 4. In addition, we deployed three GS13 seismometers and a Reftek130 digitizer in the vault at the Midelt site MDT along the three cardinal axes: north, east, and vertical, in order to provide a second station for input to the event formation process for Sites 2 and 3. We took the difference between the P and S arrival times and the temporary array azimuth to determine the locations. In addition, for a number of the events at Sites 2 and 3, we obtained arrival times and azimuth information from the sensors we placed in the Midelt vault. Location accuracies depended on the distance from the event, the number of contributing stations (which was either one or two), and the accuracy of the P and S arrival times and azimuth information. Our main objective was to determine the capability of each proposed array locations to detect regional events within Morocco and the approximate region within the country where they resided. Better locations could have been determined if we had also used the internal Moroccan network.

Table 4: Recording Times and Duration at Sites

| Site | On-Time | Off-Time | Duration in Hours |
|------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 1/19/2005 00:00 | 1/24/2005 08:00 | 128.0 |
| 2 | 2/09/2005 15:00 | 02/13/2005 07:30 | 88.5 |
| 3 | 1/30/2005 17:00 | 02/05/2005 08:00 | 135.0 |
| MDT | 1/26/2005 12:00 | 02/12/2005 10:00 | 410.0 |

Calibration of Travel Times for P and S Waves.

In order to use the S minus P times for distance determination we first had to calibrate the regional velocity curves for these phases. The Moroccans gave us the list of events in Table 5 which were located with their local network. We then found a number of these events that had been recorded at each of our temporary array locations and the Midelt vault. From this information, we generated the distance and arrival time information in Table 6. A linear regression was performed on the data in Table 6 and is shown in Figures 28 and 29 for P and S waves, respectively. The resulting regional travel time curves from the regressions were incorporated into the travel time models, which were subsequently used for location determination.

Table 5: List of Reference Events in Morocco During Survey

| Event | Day | Month | Year | Hour | Min | Sec | Lat. N | Long. W | Mag | Locality | Site event observed |
|-------|-----|-------|------|------|-----|-------|-----------|------------|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 32 | 17 | 01 | 2005 | 18 | 38 | 12.39 | 34.988 | 3.897 | 3.1 | TIFAROUINE (AL HOCEIMA) | 1 |
| 33 | 17 | 01 | 2005 | 22 | 30 | 40.02 | 34.950 | 2.873 | 3.3 | OULAD SETTOUT (NADOR) | 1 |
| 34 | 19 | 01 | 2005 | 20 | 33 | 17.37 | 35.078 | 3.617 | 2.3 | BNI MARGHNINE (NADOR) | none |
| 35 | 19 | 01 | 2005 | 21 | 28 | 14.11 | 35.036 | 3.719 | 2.1 | TROUGOUT (NADOR) | 1 |
| 36 | 20 | 01 | 2005 | 00 | 07 | 17.08 | 35.056 | 3.692 | 2.3 | TROUGOUT (NADOR) | 1 |
| 37 | 21 | 01 | 2005 | 18 | 39 | 7.76 | 35.081 | 2.801 | 3.0 | BOUARG (NADOR) | 1 |
| 38 | 23 | 01 | 2005 | 19 | 07 | 25.16 | 33.671 | 5.962 | 2.7 | KHEMISSET | 1 |
| 39 | 26 | 01 | 2005 | 03 | 59 | 25.43 | 35.053 | 2.732 | 3.4 | AREKMANE (NADOR) | none |
| 40 | 26 | 01 | 2005 | 04 | 33 | 43.99 | 35.076 | 3.728 | 2.4 | TROUGOUT (NADOR) | none |
| 41 | 26 | 01 | 2005 | 06 | 30 | 4.85 | 34.623 | 9.712 | 3.1 | ATLANTIQUE | none |
| 42 | 28 | 01 | 2005 | 16 | 00 | 9.83 | 35.115 | 3.729 | 2.3 | OULAD AMGHAR (NADOR) | MDT |
| 43 | 29 | 01 | 2005 | 07 | 41 | 35.76 | 37.774 | 1.906 | 4.5 | ESPAGNE | MDT |
| 44 | 29 | 01 | 2005 | 19 | 28 | 34.22 | 36.608 | 7.517 | 3.5 | ATLANTIQUE | MDT |
| 45 | 30 | 01 | 2005 | 17 | 09 | 55.54 | 35.037 | 3.802 | 3.2 | BNI BOUAYACHE (AL HOCEIMA) | MDT 3 |
| 46 | 30 | 01 | 2005 | 22 | 19 | 16.60 | 35.045 | 3.798 | 2.8 | BNI BOUAYACHE (AL HOCEIMA) | MDT |
| 47 | 30 | 01 | 2005 | 22 | 20 | 24.60 | 35.045 | 3.798 | 2.7 | BNI BOUAYACHE (AL HOCEIMA) | 3 |
| 49 | 02 | 02 | 2005 | 00 | 47 | 05.77 | 35.063 | 3.791 | 3.3 | NEKKOUR | |
| 50 | 03 | 02 | 2005 | 06 | 40 | 08.49 | 35.195 | 3.827 | 2.8 | AIT YOUSSEF OUALI | MDT |
| 51 | 03 | 02 | 2005 | 11 | 40 | 33.97 | 37.938 | 1.740 | 4.3 | SUD D'ESPAGNE | MDT 3 |
| 52 | 03 | 02 | 2005 | 11 | 58 | 12.92 | 35.240 | 3.760 | 2.8 | LARGE NADOR | MDT |
| 53 | 03 | 02 | 2005 | 01 | 09 | 41.76 | 37.884 | 1.636 | 3.7 | SUD D'ESPAGNE | MDT 3 |
| 54 | 04 | 02 | 2005 | 07 | 36 | 11.67 | 35.075 | 3.812 | 2.2 | BNI BOUAYACHE (AL HOCEIMA) | MDT |
| 55 | 04 | 02 | 2005 | 03 | 56 | 04.74 | 33.128 | 5.318 | 3.0 | OUM RABIA (KHENIFRA) | MDT |
| 56 | 05 | 02 | 2005 | 12 | 38 | 19.11 | 35.073 | 3.718 | 2.2 | TROUGOUT (NADOR) | not observed |

Table 5: List of Reference Events in Morocco During Survey (Continued)

| Event | Day | Month | Year | Hour | Min | Sec | Lat. N | Long. W | Mag | Locality | Site event observed |
|-------|-----|-------|------|------|-----|-------|-----------|------------|-----|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 57 | 05 | 02 | 2005 | 22 | 32 | 58.88 | 35.056 | 3.733 | 2.1 | TROUGOUT (NADOR) | MDT |
| 58 | 06 | 02 | 2005 | 02 | 46 | 05.77 | 35.208 | 3.983 | 3.3 | IZEMOUREN (AL HOCEIMA) | MDT |
| 59 | 07 | 02 | 2005 | 22 | 18 | 33.84 | 34.936 | 2.588 | 2.8 | OULAD DAOUD ZKHANINE (NADOR) | MDT |
| 60 | 08 | 02 | 2005 | 06 | 47 | 15.35 | 35.109 | 3.764 | 2.4 | TROUGOUT (NADOR) | MDT |
| 61 | 09 | 02 | 2005 | 05 | 24 | 41.05 | 35.075 | 3.707 | 2.9 | TROUGOUT (NADOR) | MDT |
| 62 | 11 | 02 | 2005 | 05 | 38 | 52.83 | 35.017 | 3.681 | 2.5 | BNI MARGHNINE (NADOR) | MDT |
| 63 | 12 | 02 | 2005 | 05 | 38 | 52.83 | 35.017 | 3.681 | 2.5 | BNI MARGHNINE (NADOR) | site 2 |

Table 6: P- and S-Wave Reference Event Travel Time Data

| Distance in kilometers | P-wave travel time in seconds | S- wave travel time in seconds |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 71.2 | 14.2 | 24.0 |
| 74.5 | 13.9 | 22.3 |
| 82.3 | 14.4 | 23.7 |
| 126.8 | 23.0 | 39.1 |
| 127.9 | 22.2 | 38.9 |
| 139.0 | 23.7 | 41.2 |
| 206.8 | 34.1 | 59.1 |
| 258.1 | 36.3 | 62.4 |
| 259.1 | 40.3 | 61.8 |
| 259.1 | 41.0 | 62.0 |
| 259.1 | 41.1 | 73.6 |
| 261.3 | 40.3 | 61.3 |
| 261.3 | 40.6 | 70.5 |
| 261.3 | 41.9 | 71.8 |
| 264.6 | 40.9 | 71.8 |
| 266.9 | 41.2 | 63.8 |
| 272.4 | 40.4 | 70.5 |
| 273.5 | 40.9 | 70.3 |
| 280.2 | 42.9 | 86.4 |
| 300.3 | 45.6 | not observed |
| 320.2 | 47.8 | 76.1 |

Table 6: P- and S-Wave Reference Event Travel Time Data (Continued)

| Distance in kilometers | P-wave travel time in seconds | S- wave travel time in seconds |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 449.2 | 60.3 | 121.4 |
| 450.3 | 60.3 | 122.2 |
| 452.6 | 59.9 | 125.0 |
| 471.5 | 63.6 | 122.4 |
| 498.2 | 65.1 | 113.2 |
| 602.7 | 79.1 | 139.1 |
| 618.3 | 76.3 | 138.0 |
| 624.9 | 82.5 | 143.6 |
| 626.0 | 82.0 | 145.2 |
| 818.4 | 102.5 | 179.1 |
| 819.5 | 819.5 | 185.2 |

Morocco P-wave Model

Regression Model
 $Y = 8.773 + 0.1158 X$

CC = 0.997
SEE = 1.945

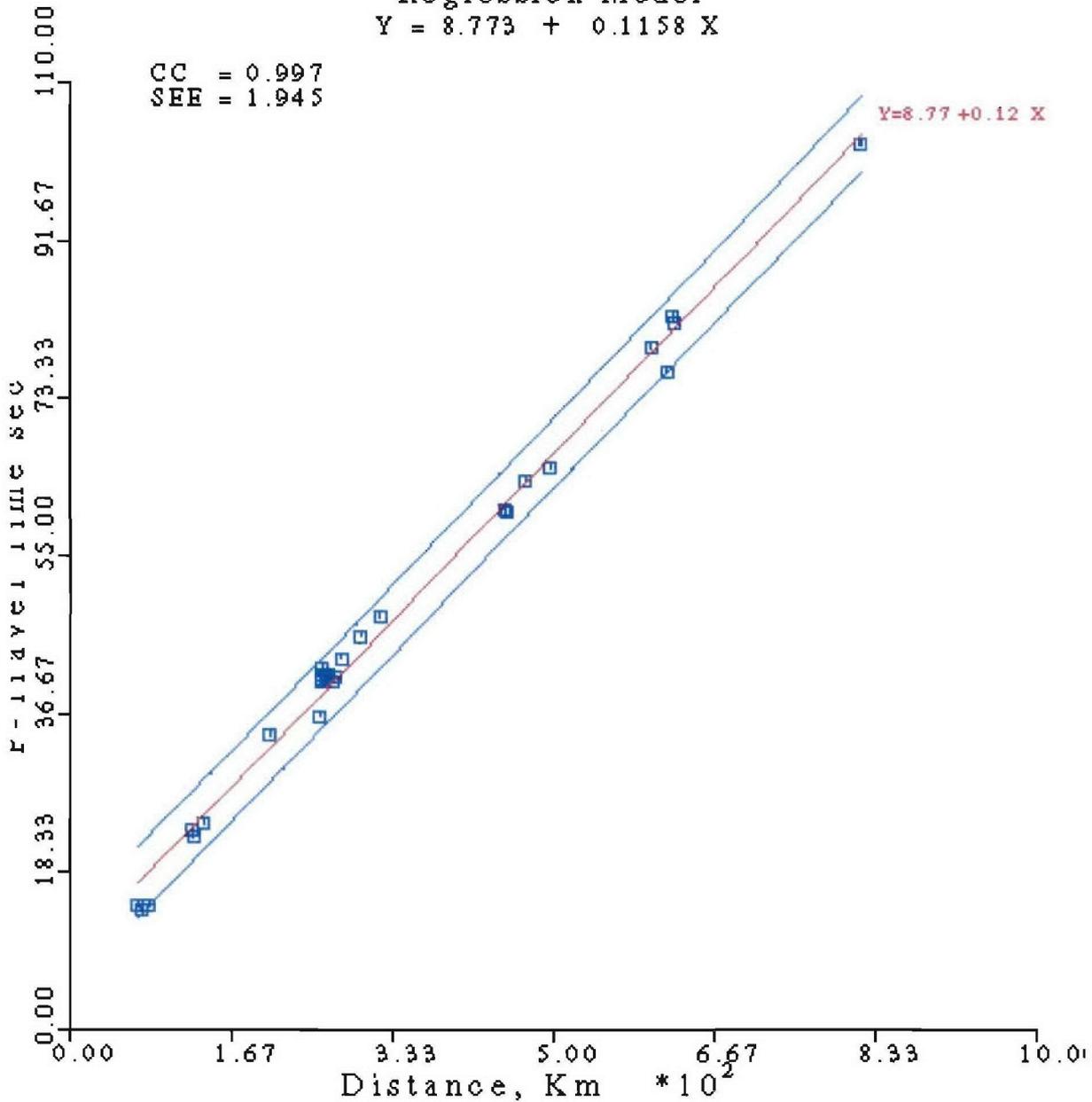


Figure 28. Linear regression and resulting P-wave travel time model. The P-wave velocity which is the reciprocal of the slope is 8.64 km per second. The error bars are also shown which are one standard deviation from the regression line. CC is the correlation coefficient, and SEE is the standard error estimate.

Morocco S-wave Model

Regression Model

$$Y = 11.692 + 0.2153 X$$

CC = 0.989
SEE = 6.662

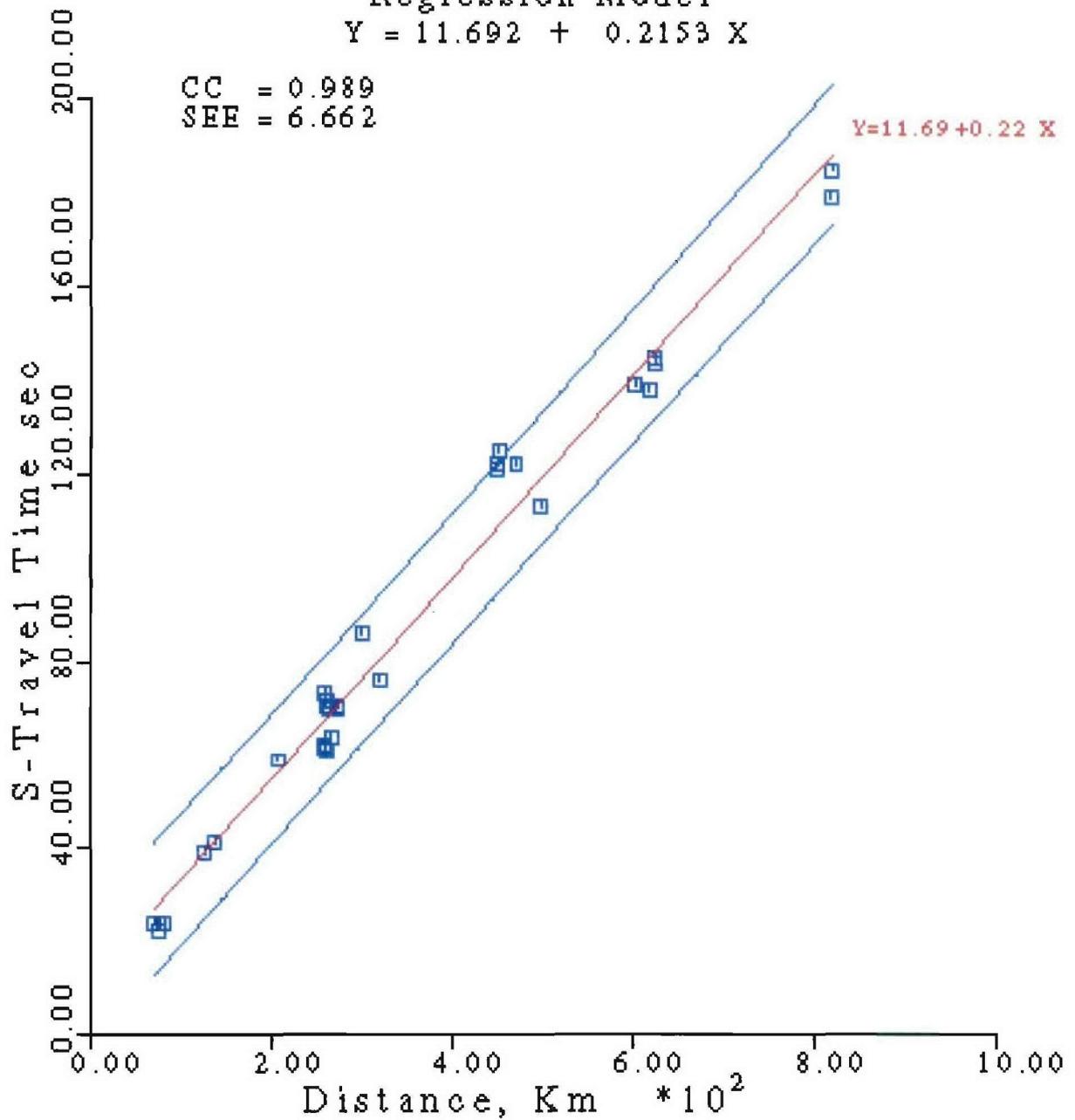


Figure 29. Linear regression and resulting S-wave travel time model. The S-wave velocity is the inverse of the slope or 4.6 km per second.

Event Analysis.

Tables in Appendix D, Event Tables, provide event latitude, longitude, and origin time for each of the three proposed site locations. Figures 30-33 provide event locations for those events detected at each of the three proposed sites and the Midelt station MDT. Figure 34 is a summary plot, with all events from Sites 1, 2, and 3 plotted.

Site 1 Recorded Event Locations

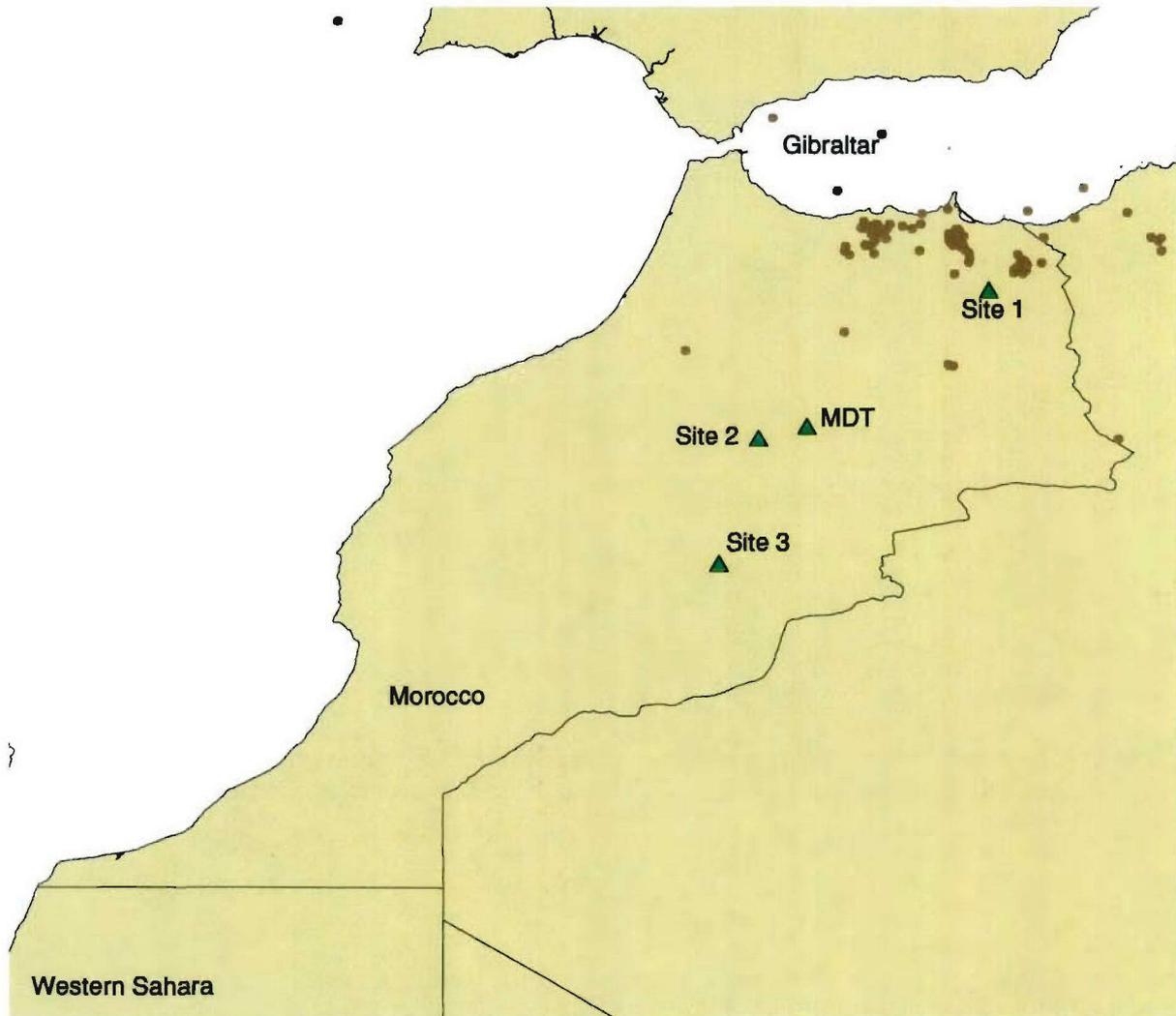


Figure 30. Events detected from proposed array Site 1. Note that event detectability is mainly in the northern area of Morocco.

Site 2 Recorded Event Locations

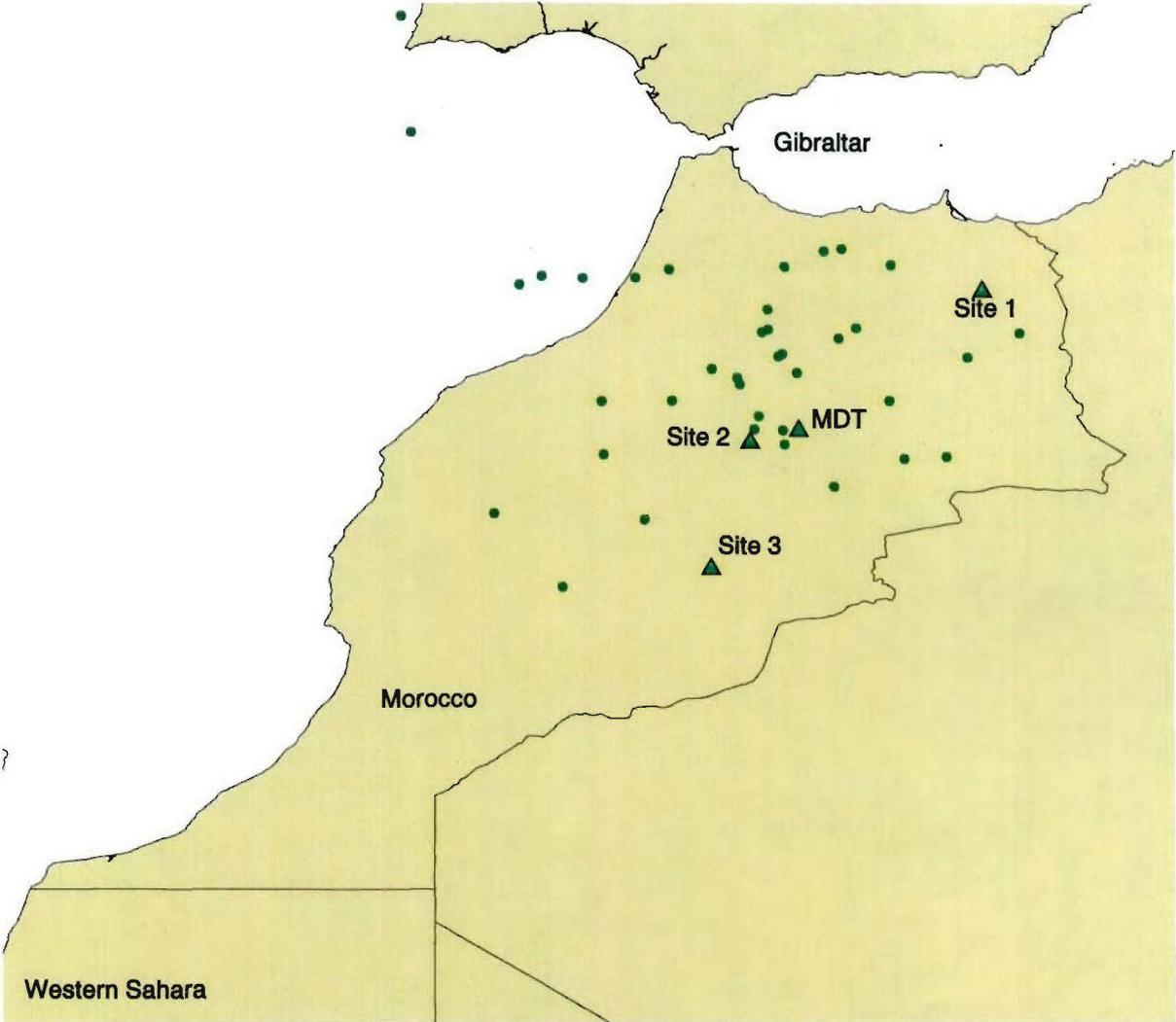


Figure 31. Events detected from proposed array Site 2. This site, being centrally located, detects mainly in an area surrounding the station, but a few events also in the north and the south.

Site 3 Recorded Event Locations

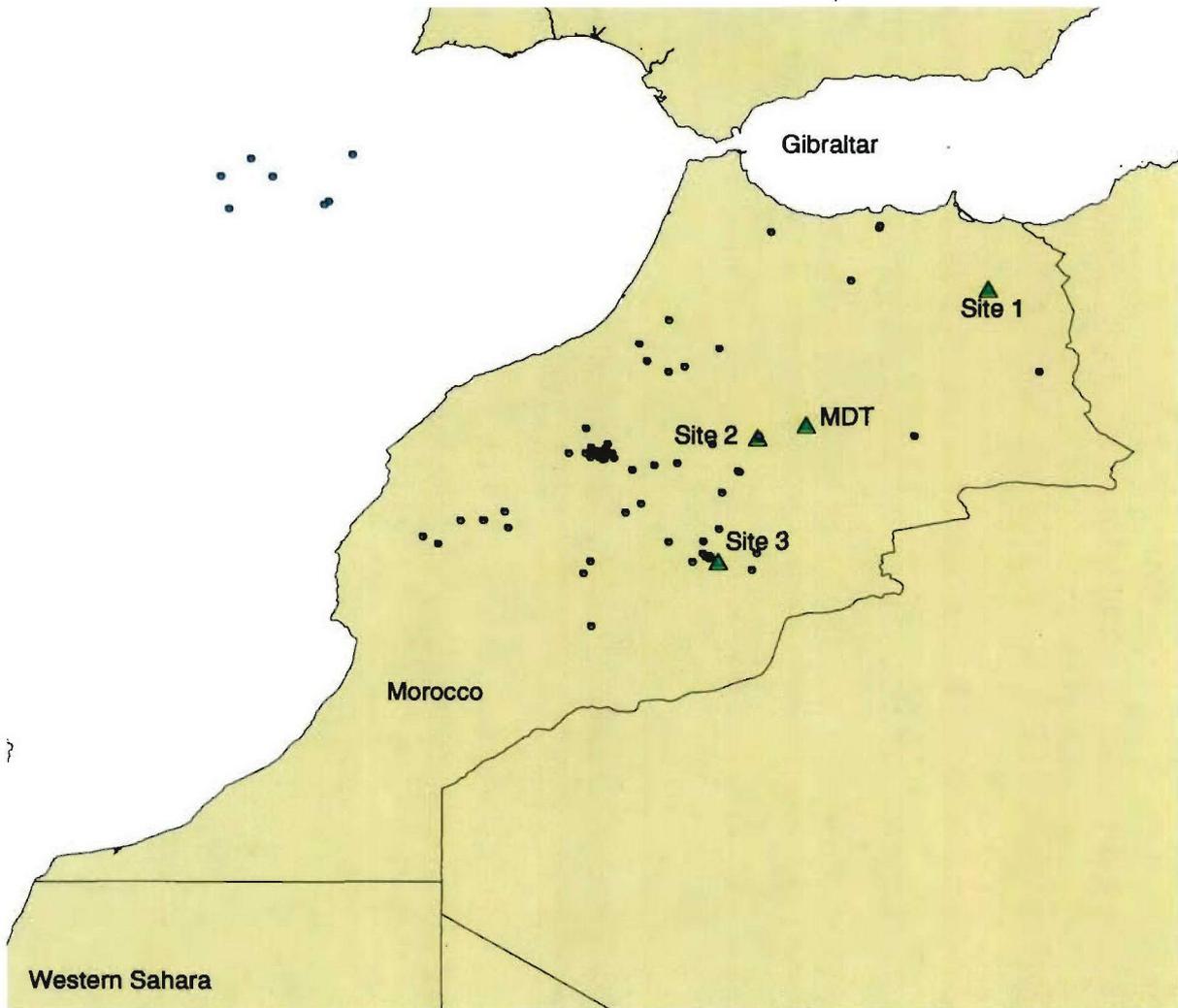


Figure 32. Events detected from proposed array Site 3. Site 3 detects many events both locally and elsewhere in Morocco, giving good detection capability throughout the country.

MDT Recorded Event Locations

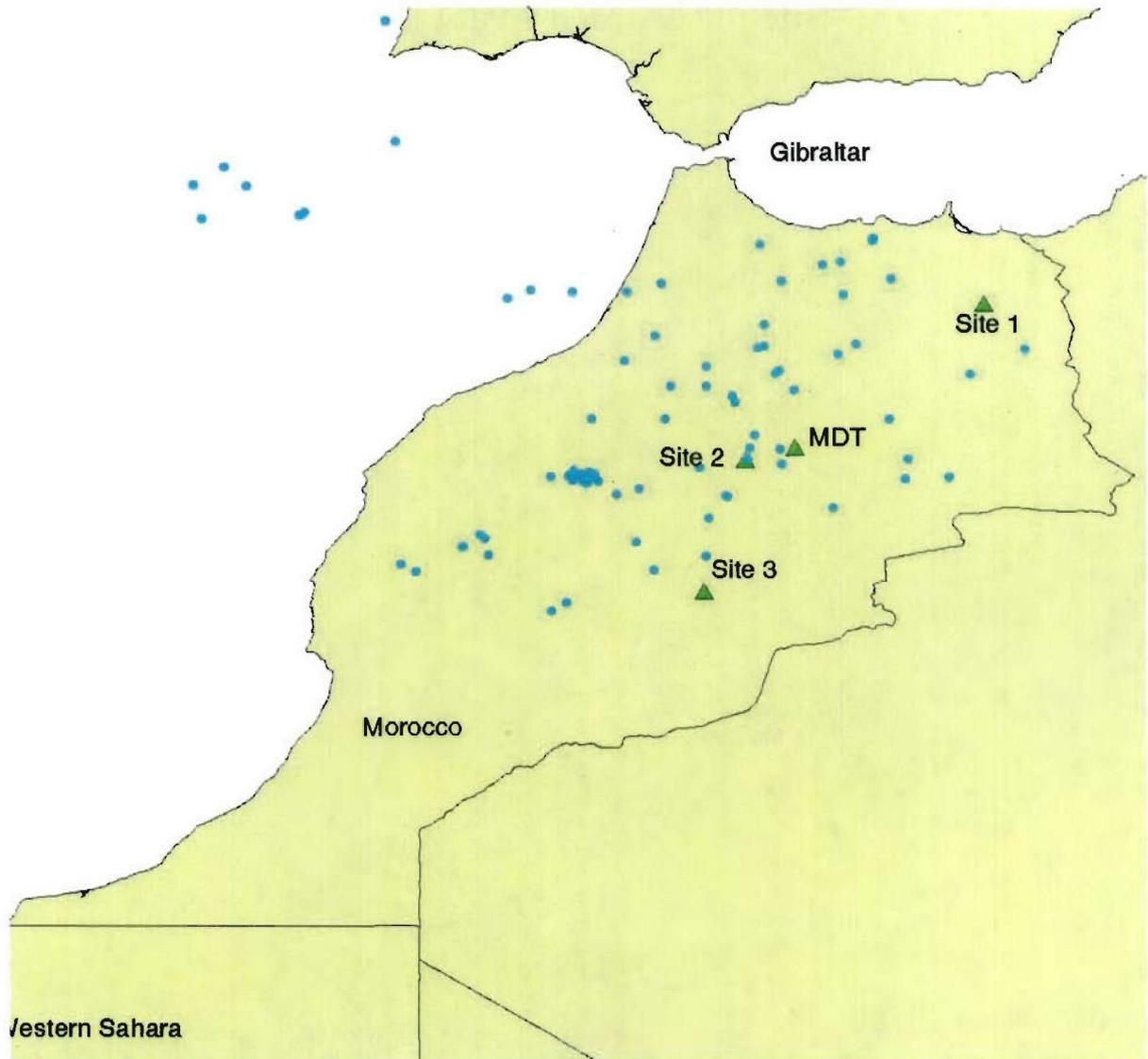


Figure 33. Events detected from the Midelt station MDT. This station is very good, having detected many of the events seen by Sites 2 and 3. Site 1 and MDT were not operational at the same time. One reason for the excellent performance observed from MDT is that the sensors, rather than being located on the surface, were located in a tunnel 100 meters in from the entrance.

All Recorded Event Locations

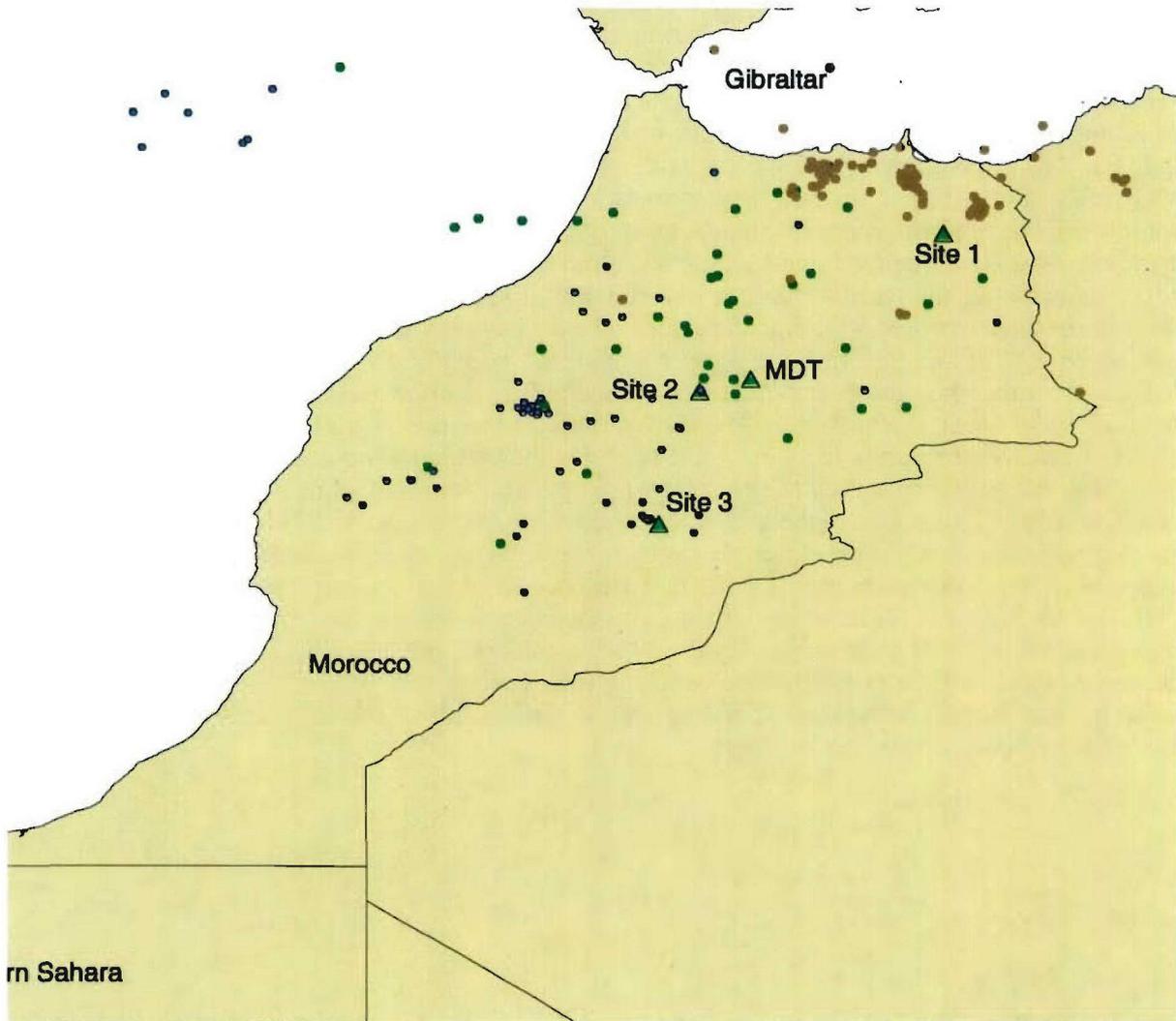


Figure 34. Events detected from locations of Site 1 (brown), Site 2 (green), and Site 3 (blue).

Discussion.

Signals detected from each of the proposed site locations were recorded on the vertical channels of individual sensors, with the arrays used to determine the directions and confirm the validity of the signals. The arrays were then used to determine the azimuth of the events and, in some cases, find secondary phase in the coda. The parameter indicative of event detection capability for each proposed location to the Moroccan seismic network is the areal coverage of events. The number of events detected at each site is a function of distance from active areas and the number of days the sensor was operational. From an operational perspective, spacial coverage will demonstrate how well a site will add to overall network performance since, with good spacial coverage, the station will contribute to more regional network station detections in all areas of Morocco. The areal extent of coverage for signals at Site 3 is almost equivalent with that found at the vault at MDT, even though the sensors at Site 3: (1) are at the surface and not protected nearly as well from the wind as those at the MDT vault, and (2) are also further away from most of the seismic activity than those at MDT. Beamforming at Site 3 will increase the signal-to-noise ratio by at least another 3 dB, and putting the sensors in boreholes will add at least 1 dB at 1 Hz, and more at higher frequencies to the array capability. The thick sediments found at Site 3 will have the additional effect of greatly attenuating the wind noise provided the boreholes are below the sediment layer and in the competent hard rock (Young, 1996). Site 1 performs the poorest of the three sites on areal coverage. This is due to the higher level of the background noise at this site which appears as both cultural and due to the closer proximity to the coast than the other sites, and the fact that its geographic location is not centrally located in Morocco. Site 1 would not assist in event formation in the southern half of Morocco, as indicated by the event formation data. However, Site 1 does pick up much of the aftershock activity from the recent large earthquake at Hocemia. From the event data alone, one cannot determine which of Sites 2 or 3 would make the greatest contribution to the internal Moroccan network. One has to look, additionally, at the noise data to determine the site with the best potential performance.

Comparison of the Attributes of Each of the Candidate Sites

| Green (Best) | Yellow (Neutral) | Red (Worst) |
|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |

Table 7: Site Comparisons

| Site Attribute | Site 1 | Site 2 | Site 3 |
|--|---|---|---|
| Location | | | |
| Isolation from cultural noise |  |  |  |
| Comparable to NLNM at 1 Hz |  |  |  |
| Comparable to NLNM at 6 Hz |  |  |  |
| Event analysis results |  |  |  |
| Geology | | | |
| Competent rock |  |  |  |
| Homogeneous geology |  |  |  |
| Accessibility | | | |
| Existing roads to array location |  |  |  |
| Accessibility within array area |  |  |  |
| Communications | | | |
| Line-of-sight intrasite communications |  |  |  |
| Power | | | |
| Power availability |  |  |  |
| Land Owner | | | |
| Low risk to obtain access |  |  |  |

Attribute Comparison.

Attributes of the candidate sites are compared in Table 7. The attributes of an ideal site would be one which exhibits low seismic noise, and uniformity of rock type and composition. The site would be accessible via existing roads and allow for ease of data communications within the array with no relay towers or high antenna masks required to transmit the data. Power would be readily accessible and reliable. There would be no land ownership issues. For each of the characteristics, each site was given one of three ratings. A green rating indicates the candidate site is comparable to an ideal site for that characteristic. A yellow rating indicates a slight difference from the ideal site for that characteristic, and a red rating indicates the greatest difference from the ideal. Geophysical and geological considerations of the site are the most important and, therefore, listed first under the headings of Location and Geology, followed by the logistical considerations of accessibility, communications, power, and land ownership. Table 7 indicates that Site 3 compared most favorably overall to these characteristics.

Conclusion.

The noise data summarized in Table 3 indicate that the existing station at MDT would outperform an array put at Site 2. Comparing the three perspective sites only, the noise values at Site 3 indicate that the noise value is the lowest of the three prospective sites. The event data indicate that Site 1 would not be a good candidate for an array station, due to the lack of event detection over the southern half of Morocco.

Based on the technical analysis of the seismic data and the ensuing discussion of the other attributes of the three potential sites in Morocco, we recommend Site 3 for the location of a new seismic array in Morocco. Site 3, located approximately 40 km southeast of Boumalne-du Dades in the Anti-Atlas Mountains, will provide the largest increase in detection and location capability for regional and teleseismic signals in northwestern Africa. Of all the sites investigated, Site 3 has the characteristics most closely matched to that of a quiet continental site, which is far away from both the ocean and cultural noise. Due to the remoteness of this site, it is also unlikely that it will be threatened in the future by additional cultural development.

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Appendix A

Sensor Coordinates

For each of the three perspective sites, an array of sensors was set up. Each sensor had a geographical position, which was important for determining the Frequency - Wavenumber (F-K) information of the events seen. The sensor data are presented in this appendix in a series of tables. The site location was taken as the location of the element with no offsets.

Table A-1: Site 1 Coordinates (Oujda Site)

| Sensor Number | Instrument Number | Latitude | W. Longitude | North Offset (kilometers) | East Offset (kilometers) |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | not used | | | | |
| 2 | DO685 | 34° 21' 23.0" | 2° 35' 28.9" | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 3 | DA84 | 34° 21' 10.1" | 2° 35' 45.8" | -0.3984 | -0.4309 |
| 4 | DE14 | 34° 21' 02.4" | 2° 35' 28.3" | -0.6363 | 0.0153 |
| 5 | DE13 | 34° 20' 46.2" | 2° 35' 55.7" | -1.1366 | -0.6834 |
| 6 | DE15 | 34° 20' 45.9" | 2° 35' 37.0" | -1.1459 | -0.2065 |

Table A-2: Site 2 Coordinates (Midelt Site)

| Sensor Number | Instrument Number | Latitude | W. Longitude | North Offset (kilometers) | East Offset (kilometers) |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | DE14 | 32° 41' 04.0" | 5° 09' 05.3" | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 2 | DO685 | 32° 41' 16.0" | 5° 09' 09.3" | 0.3706 | -0.1040 |
| 3 | GS13 | 32° 40' 51.2" | 5° 09' 15.6" | -0.3953 | -0.2678 |

Table A-3: Site 3 Coordinates (Boumalne-du Dades Site)

| Sensor Number | Instrument Number | Latitude | W. Longitude | North Offset (kilometers) | East Offset (kilometers) |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | DE15 | 31° 16' 51.2" | 5° 35' 38.9" | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 2 | DO685 | 31° 16' 40.4" | 5° 35' 51.3" | -0.3336 | -0.3273 |
| 3 | DA84 | 31° 16' 56.9" | 5° 35' 57.5" | 0.1761 | -0.4910 |
| 4 | DE14 | 31° 17' 10.4" | 5° 35' 46.2" | 0.5930 | -0.1927 |
| 5 | DE13 | 31° 17' 00.5" | 5° 35' 19.2" | 0.2872 | 0.5200 |
| 6 | DA53 | 31° 16' 43.1" | 5° 35' 18.5" | -0.2502 | 0.5385 |

Coordinates for the Midelt Vault site were taken from the literature as 32.8170° N, 4.6140° W.

Appendix B

Calibration and Spectral Computation Methods and Results

The purpose of this appendix is to explain how the actual Guralp calib values were determined from the Morocco data, and how we calibrated the Reftek GS13 system. Calibrating the Guralp sensors was necessary in order to determine accurately the noise levels for all of the Morocco sites. The procedure to determine the calib values was provided by Guralp Systems, Inc. The procedure will be outlined in detail below for one Guralp data channel. The same procedure was followed for all Guralp channels. For the example below, the vertical channel of the collocated Guralp at site 3 was used.

To determine the theoretical calib values, we use the following equations:

$$(counts)/(m)/(s)= S/LSBout \quad (1)$$

Where S is the given sensitivity and LSBout is the least significant bit of the digitizer. Both are defined below on a per instrument basis.

$$(counts/m)= ((counts)/(m)/(s)) \times 2 \times \pi \times f \quad (2)$$

In equation (2), we convert from velocity to displacement.

$$((counts)/(nm))= (counts/m)/(1.0e + 09) \quad (3)$$

Where in equation (3), we have converted from meters to nanometers.

$$((nm)/(count))= 1/((counts)/(nm)) \quad (4)$$

Lastly, equation (4) takes the reciprocal to obtain the theoretical calib value.

To determine the actual calib values, we use the following equations from Guralp documents:

$$Vin= (Cin \times 2 \times LSBin) \quad (5)$$

Equation (5) calculates the input voltage, Vin, where Cin is the input counts, 0 to peak, from the input calibration, and LSBin is the least significant bit of the input channel (both are displayed in Tables B-2 and B-1, respectively).

$$Vout= (Cout \times LSBout) \quad (6)$$

In equation (6), we have calculated the output voltage from the measured calibration. Cout is the measured peak-to-trough output from the waveform in counts and LSBout is the least significant bit which is provided for each sensor in Table B-1.

$$Current= ((Vin)/R) \quad (7)$$

In equation (7), the current is defined as the input voltage calculated in equation (5) divided by the calibration resistor provided in Table B-1.

$$Acceleration= (Current)/K \quad (8)$$

In equation (8), the acceleration is defined as the current divided by K, the feedback coil constant provided in Table B-1 for each sensor.

$$Velocity = (Acceleration) / (2 \times \pi \times f) \quad (9)$$

Equation (9) converts from acceleration to velocity.

$$S = (Vout) / (Velocity) \quad (10)$$

Equation (10) computes the instrument sensitivity, S, derived from the data by taking the output voltage and dividing by the velocity from equation (9). We now convert the sensitivity to the calibration constant using the next four equations.

$$(counts)/(m)/(s) = S / LSBout \quad (11)$$

Equation (11) is computed using the sensitivity from equation (10) divided by the least significant bit.

$$(counts/m) = ((counts)/(m)/(s)) \times 2 \times \pi \times f \quad (12)$$

Equation (12) converts from velocity to displacement.

$$((counts)/(nm)) = (counts/m) / (1.0e + 09) \quad (13)$$

Equation (13) converts from meters to nanometers.

$$((nm)/(count)) = 1 / ((counts)/(nm)) \quad (14)$$

Lastly, equation (14) takes the reciprocal to obtain the actual calib value.

An example using the above equations follows after Table B-1. The actual calibration value for the calibs are given in Table B-2, column 7, and are compared with the nominal values in column 9. The maximum difference from the nominal approaches 6.5%.

Table B-1: Instrument Constants Provided by Guralp Systems

| Instrument | Channel | Sensitivity (V/m/s) S | LSB (uV/count) LSBout | Input LSB (uV/count) LSBin | Calibration Resistor (Ohms) R | Feedback Coil Constant (A/m/s ²) K |
|-------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| DE15/T3M21 | BHZ | 2,973 | 1.269 | 320.34 | 51,000 | 0.01756 |
| DE15/T3M21 | BHN | 2,993 | 1.261 | 320.34 | 51,000 | 0.01848 |
| DE15/T3M21 | BHE | 2,989 | 1.266 | 320.34 | 51,000 | 0.01831 |
| DO685/T3K93 | BHZ | 2,957 | 1.272 | 320.50 | 51,000 | 0.01747 |
| DO685/T3K93 | BHN | 2,965 | 1.277 | 320.50 | 51,000 | 0.01843 |

Table B-1: Instrument Constants Provided by Guralp Systems (Continued)

| Instrument | Channel | Sensitivity (V/m/s) S | LSB (uV/count) LSBout | Input LSB (uV/count) LSBin | Calibration Resistor (Ohms) R | Feedback Coil Constant (A/m/s ²) K |
|-------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| DO685/T3K93 | BHE | 2,969 | 1.287 | 320.50 | 51,000 | 0.01849 |
| DA84/T3F31 | BHZ | 2,927 | 1.274 | 323.88 | 51,000 | 0.01906 |
| DA84/T3F31 | BHN | 2,973 | 1.275 | 323.88 | 51,000 | 0.01921 |
| DA84/T3F31 | BHE | 2,950 | 1.276 | 323.88 | 51,000 | 0.01924 |
| DE14/T3M14 | BHZ | 2,971 | 1.270 | 322.43 | 51,000 | 0.01733 |
| DE14/T3M14 | BHN | 2,987 | 1.261 | 322.43 | 51,000 | 0.0186 |
| DE14/T3M14 | BHE | 3,019 | 1.267 | 322.43 | 51,000 | 0.0182 |
| DE13/T3M20 | BHZ | 2,970 | 1.286 | 324.52 | 51,000 | 0.01743 |
| DE13/T3M20 | BHN | 2,998 | 1.273 | 324.52 | 51,000 | 0.01842 |
| DE13/T3M20 | BHE | 2,996 | 1.269 | 324.52 | 51,000 | 0.01822 |
| DA53/T3F13 | BHZ | 2,951 | 1.275 | 323.59 | 51,000 | 0.01849 |
| DA53/T3F13 | BHN | 3,001 | 1.279 | 323.59 | 51,000 | 0.01962 |
| DA53/T3F13 | BHE | 3,122 | 1.277 | 323.59 | 51,000 | 0.01912 |

1. Divide the sensitivity, 2,973 V/m/s, by the LSB, 1.269 uV/count, to get 2,342,789,598 counts/m/s.
2. Multiply by $2 \cdot \pi \cdot f$, $f = 1$ Hz, to get $1.472018118e+10$ counts/m.
3. Divide by $1.0E+09$ to convert to nanometers from meters, to get 14.72018118 counts/nm.
4. Take the reciprocal to obtain the theoretical calib value of 0.067934 nm/count.

Next, to determine the actual calib value:

1. Inject a 1 Hz sine wave calibration from the digitizer to the sensor.
2. Measure the maximum and minimum count values on the input data which consist of four samples per second using an interpolation method described below and add the values to obtain the total input count value. For this example, we get 24,076.2 counts.
3. To obtain the input voltage, multiply by 320.34 uV/count to get 7.712569908 V.
4. Measure the maximum and minimum count values from the output data channel. Add the values to obtain the total output count value of 3,265,128 counts.
5. Multiply by 1.269 uV/count to get the output voltage of 4.143447432 V.

6. Next, divide the input voltage, 7.712569908 V, by the calibration resistor, 51,000 Ohms, to get 1.512268609e-04 Amps.
7. Then, divide by the Feedback coil constant, 0.01756 A/m/s/s, to get 8.612008026e-03 m/s/s.
8. Divide by $2 \cdot \pi \cdot f$, $f = 1$ Hz, to get 1.370643647e-03 m/s.
9. Next, divide the output voltage, 4.143447432 V, by the velocity, 1.370643647e-03 m/s, to obtain the sensitivity of 3,022.993934 V/m/s.
10. Divide the sensitivity, 3,022.993934 V/m/s, by the LSB, 1.269 uV/count, to get 2,382,185,921 counts/m/s.
11. Multiply by $2 \cdot \pi \cdot f$, $f = 1$ Hz, to get 1.496771558e+10 counts/m.
12. Divide by 1.0e+09 to get 14.96771558 counts/nm.
13. Finally, take the reciprocal to obtain the actual calib value of 0.066810 nm/count.

The actual calib value when compared to the theoretical calib value only yields a -1.655% difference.

The calib values used for the noise calculations are given in Table B-2, column 7. Calibrations were not successful at all sites. The calibrations used and the sites that they were taken at are given in columns 4 and 10.

Table B-2: Calibration Values for Guralps

| Sensor | Channel | Input Voltage in Counts Cin | Site Observed | Measured Output Amplitude (counts) Cout | Calculated Value (nm/count) | % Difference from Nominal | Nominal Value (nm/count) | Calibration Used for Sites |
|--------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| DE14 | 3m14Z | 11980.5 | 1 | 3,250,312 | 0.068122 | 0.131 | 0.068033 | 1, 3 |
| DE14 | 3m14N | 11946.2 | 1 | 3,070,118 | 0.067003 | -0.277 | 0.067189 | 1, 3 |
| DE14 | 3m14E | 12043.6 | 1 | 3,146,498 | 0.067359 | 0.847 | 0.066793 | 1, 3 |
| DE13 | 3m20Z | 14440.5 | 1 | 3,831,213 | 0.069709 | 1.154 | 0.068914 | 1 |
| DE13 | 3m20N | 13744.8 | 1 | 3,695,609 | 0.065088 | -3.686 | 0.067579 | 1 |
| DE13 | 3m20E | 15212.9 | 1 | 3,749,706 | 0.071781 | 6.481 | 0.067412 | 1 |
| DE15 | 3m21Z | 12038.1 | 1 | 3,265,128 | 0.066810 | -1.655 | 0.067934 | 1, 3 |
| DE15 | 3m21N | 12213.2 | 1 | 3,136,564 | 0.067048 | -0.009 | 0.067054 | 1, 3 |
| DE15 | 3m21E | 12784.3 | 1 | 3,157,497 | 0.070365 | 4.382 | 0.067411 | 1, 3 |
| DO685 | 3k93Z | 12417.1 | 1 | 3,185,880 | 0.071027 | 3.745 | 0.068463 | 1, 2 |
| DO685 | 3k93N | 11765.9 | 1 | 3,005,803 | 0.067619 | -1.354 | 0.068547 | 1, 2 |
| DO685 | 3k93E | 12329.4 | 1 | 2,990,183 | 0.070996 | 2.908 | 0.068990 | 1, 2, 3 |

Table B-2: Calibration Values for Guralps (Continued)

| Sensor | Channel | Input Voltage in Counts Cin | Site Observed | Measured Output Amplitude (counts) Cout | Calculated Value (nm/count) | % Difference from Nominal | Nominal Value (nm/count) | Calibration Used for Sites |
|--------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| DA84 | 3f31Z | no data | NA | no data | nominal value 0.069273 | 0 | 0.069273 | 1, 3 |
| DA84 | 3f31N | no data | NA | no data | nominal value 0.068255 | 0 | 0.068255 | 1, 3 |
| DA84 | 3f31E | no data | NA | no data | nominal value 0.068841 | 0 | 0.068841 | 1, 3 |
| DA53 | 3f13Z | 12210.2 | 3 | 3,057,769 | 0.069418 | 0.951 | 0.068764 | 2, 3 |
| DA53 | 3f13N | 12032.0 | 3 | 2,917,732 | 0.067560 | -0.398 | 0.067830 | 2, 3 |
| DA53 | 3f13E | 12705.4 | 3 | 3,135,778 | 0.068116 | 4.634 | 0.065099 | 2, 3 |
| DE13 | 3m20Z | 14509.4 | 3 | 3,827,865 | 0.070103 | 1.725 | 0.068914 | 3 |
| DE13 | 3m20N | 14495.9 | 3 | 3,687,911 | 0.068789 | 1.790 | 0.067579 | 3 |
| DE13 | 3m20E | 14327.8 | 3 | 3,747,129 | 0.067651 | 0.355 | 0.067412 | 3 |
| DO685 | 3k93Z | 11889.2 | 3 | 3,190,707 | 0.067905 | -0.815 | 0.068463 | 3 |
| DO685 | 3k93N | 12379.8 | 3 | 3,004,476 | 0.071178 | 3.838 | 0.068547 | 3 |
| DO685 | 3k93E | 11802.3 | 3 | no data | 0.070996 | 2.908 | 0.068990 | NA |
| DE15 | 3m21Z | 12038.1 | 3 | no data | 0.066810 | -1.655 | 0.067934 | NA |
| DE15 | 3m21N | 12213.2 | 3 | no data | 0.067048 | -0.009 | 0.067054 | NA |
| DE15 | 3m21E | 12784.3 | 3 | no data | 0.070365 | 4.382 | 0.067411 | NA |

In the following table, we repeated the measurements on four separate calibrations for sensor DE14/T3M14, channel (BHN). From this analysis we determined the measurement error for calibration.

Table B-3: Error Analysis Using Guralp Calibrations

| Sensor | Channel | Input Voltage in Counts Cin | Measured Output Amplitude (counts) Cout | Calculated Value (nm/count) | Nominal Value (nm/count) | % Difference from Nominal | Mean Calculated Value (nm/count) | STD |
|------------|---------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| DE14/T3M14 | BHN | 11752.8 | 3,063,978 | 0.066051 | 0.067189 | -1.694 | NA | NA |
| DE14/T3M14 | BHN | 11946.2 | 3,070,118 | 0.067003 | 0.067189 | -0.277 | NA | NA |
| DE14/T3M14 | BHN | 12336.5 | 3,060,207 | 0.069417 | 0.067189 | 3.316 | NA | NA |
| DE14/T3M14 | BHN | 12463.2 | 3,070,086 | 0.069904 | 0.067189 | 4.041 | NA | NA |
| DE14/T3M14 | BHN | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 0.068094 | 0.00186 |

Using the results from Table B-3, the non-systematic error is 2.732%, or 0.1171 dB. We had no

capability to measure the instrument constants provided by the manufacturer, which would be one source of systematic error.

Normalized system amplitude and system phase responses for Guralps and GS13s with Reftek digitizers follow. The normalized values were multiplied by the calib value at 1 Hz to determine the power spectra as a function of frequency.

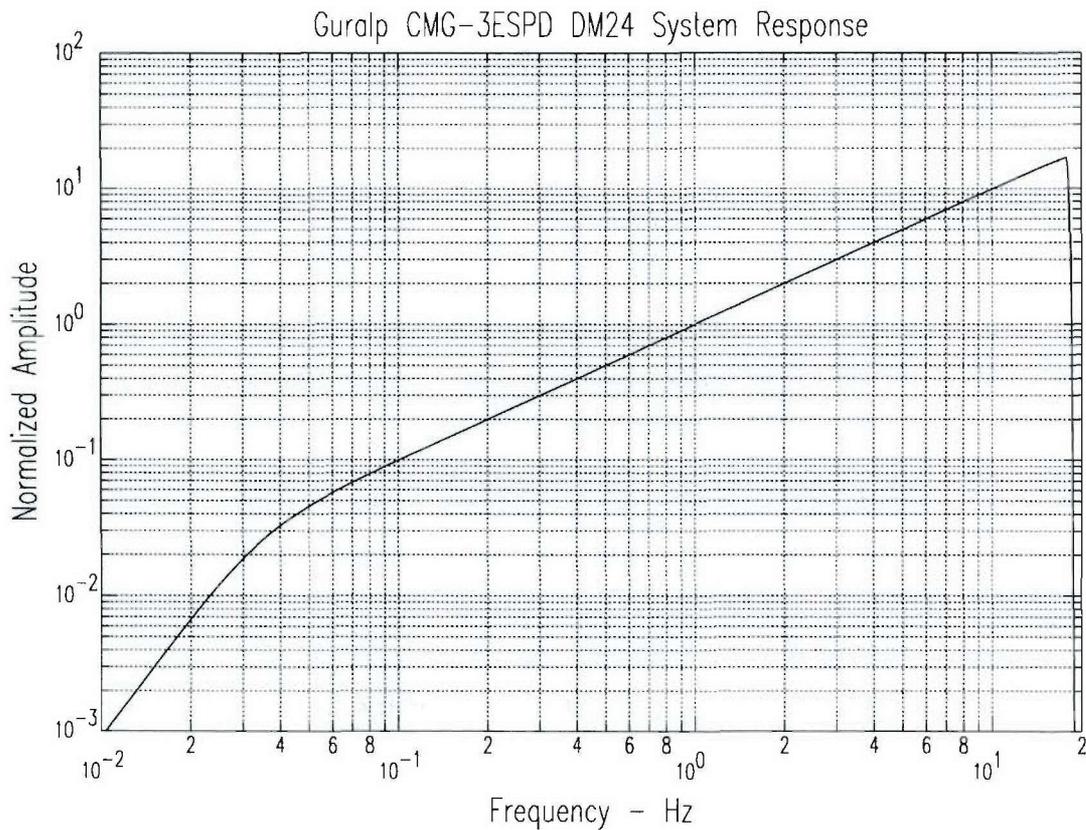


Figure B-1. Guralp CMG-3ESPD DM24 System amplitude response.

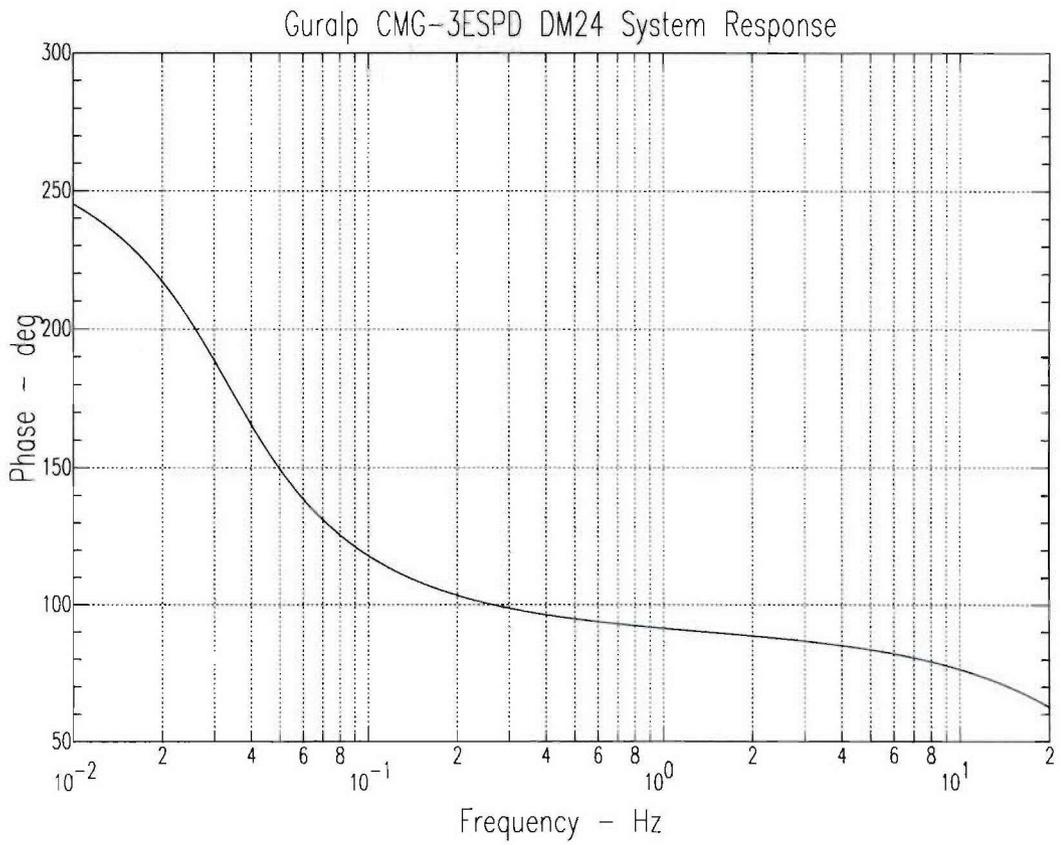


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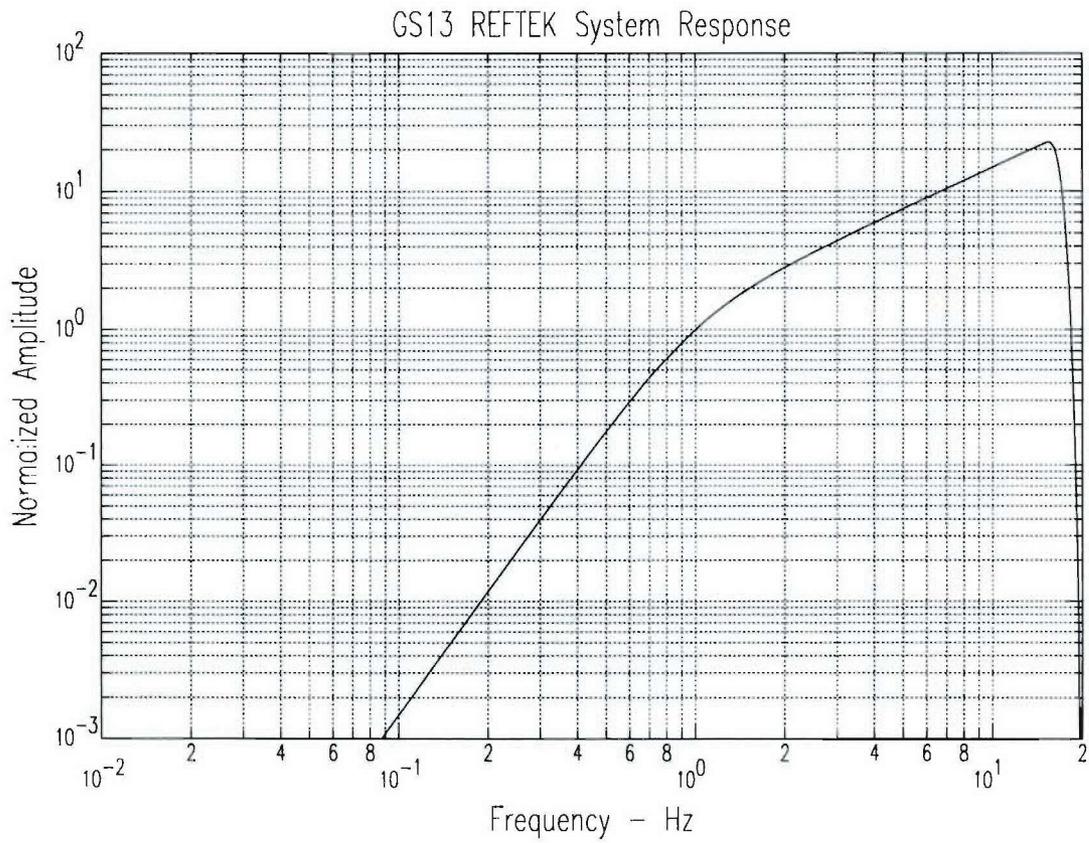


Figure B-3. Reftek/GS-13 System amplitude response.

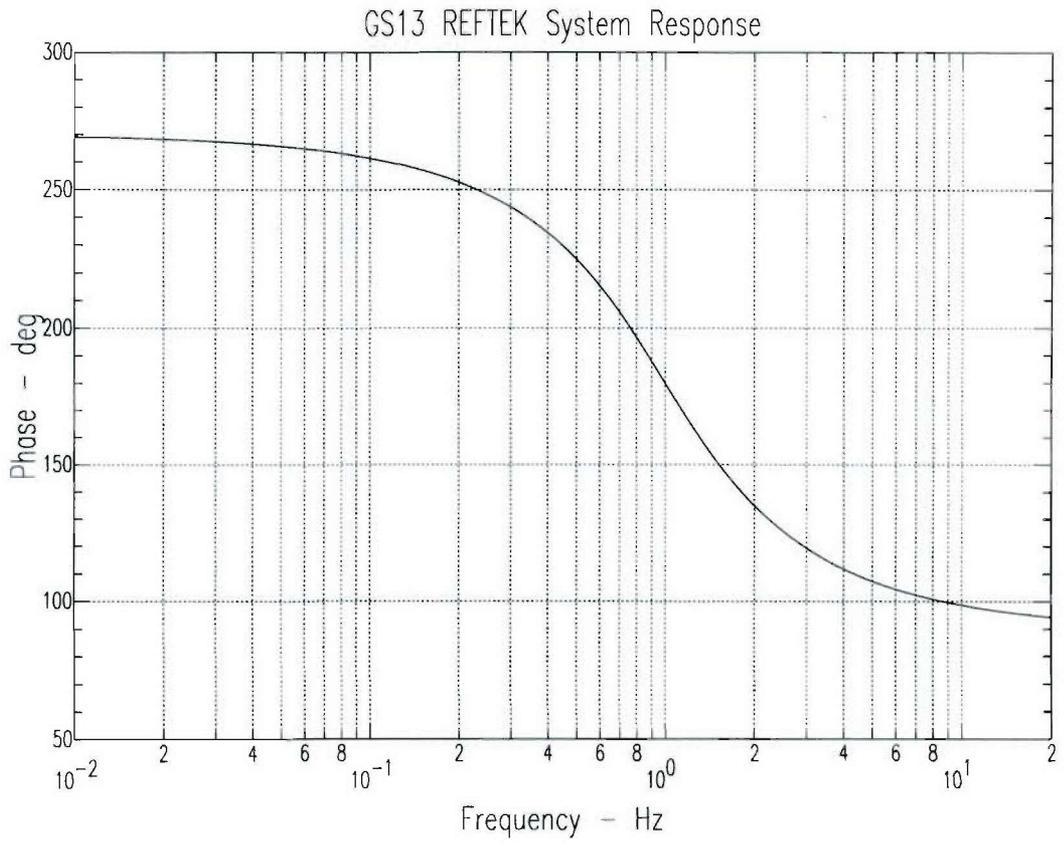


Figure B-4. Reftek/GS13 System phase response.

GS13 Reftek Calibrations.

Since the GS13 Reftek data were not calibrated in the field, the co-located Guralp at Site 3 (sensor DE15) was used to calibrate the GS13 Reftek data. A side-by-side noise analysis was performed on Site 3 data to determine the GS13 Reftek data calib value. As shown in Figure B-5 below, the GS13 Reftek data (red trace) matches the Guralp data (blue trace) at 1 Hz. For the Guralp data, a calib value of 0.066810 nm/count was used. For the GS-13 Reftek data, a calib value of 125,000 nm/count was used. Therefore, the 125,000 nm/count calib value was used to analyze all of the GS13 Reftek data for the Morocco survey.

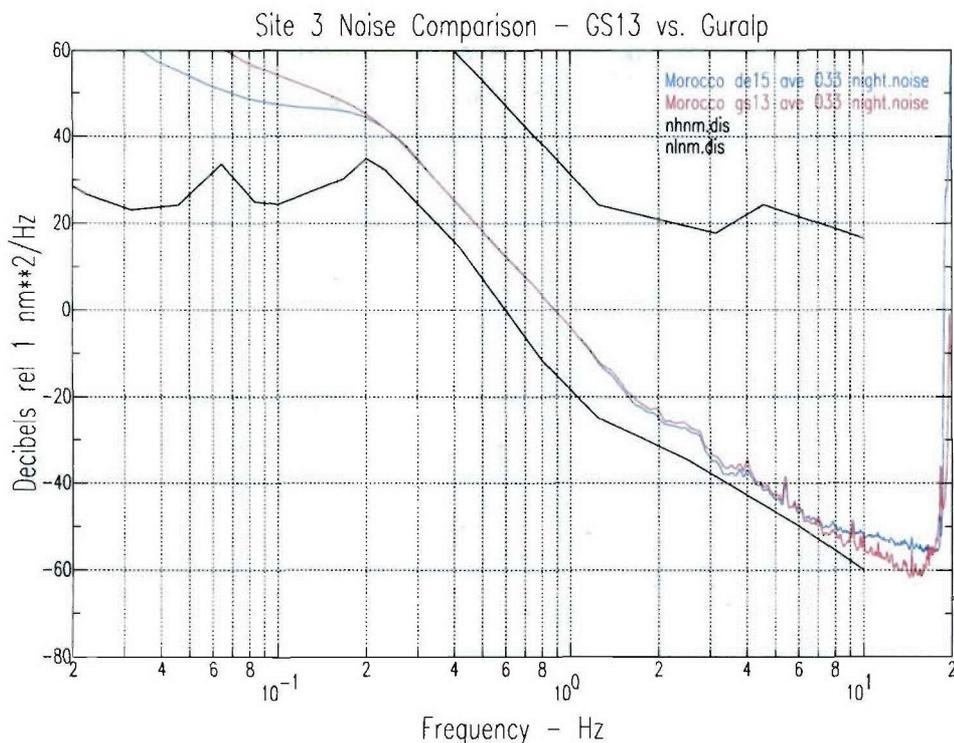


Figure B-5. Noise comparison between the GS13 Reftek and co-located Guralp systems. For a calib value of 125,000 (102 dB), the GS13 matches the DE15 instrument response at 1 Hz. Note also that for frequencies above about 7 Hz, the Guralp power spectra and the GS13 power spectra diverge. This is due to system noise from the Guralp system above 7 Hz. The higher level of power spectra above 17 Hz is due to the anti-alias filter.

Interpolation of Input Voltage from the Guralp Calibrator.

For the Guralps, we calibrated the instruments with a 1 Hz sinusoid for a duration of 1 minute. The input voltage for the calibrator was also recorded on a separate data channel, but only at a sample rate of four samples per second, and these points did not necessarily correspond to a minima or maxima on the sine wave function. Consequently, we had to interpolate between data points to find the maxima and minima for the input voltage. This was done by transforming the time domain

input signal calibrator data to the frequency domain, adding zeros in the frequency domain to the input spectra at the lowest frequencies, and then transforming the result back to the time domain. This procedure effectively increased the resolution of the time domain sinusoid. In addition, we found that the input voltage varied from cycle-to-cycle by several percent, which effectively limited the accuracy of the calibration. Using the nominal values for the instrument constants, we were then able to correct the theoretical instrument gain by a constant determined from the calibration data. This is now demonstrated in the next figure, where a sine wave with unity amplitude was phase shifted by $\pi/4$ degrees with only four points per cycle given. These data were then interpolated by the algorithm for curve fitting described above. Maximum value is, in fact, 0.999987 confirming the interpolation is done correctly for a true maxima of 1.00000.

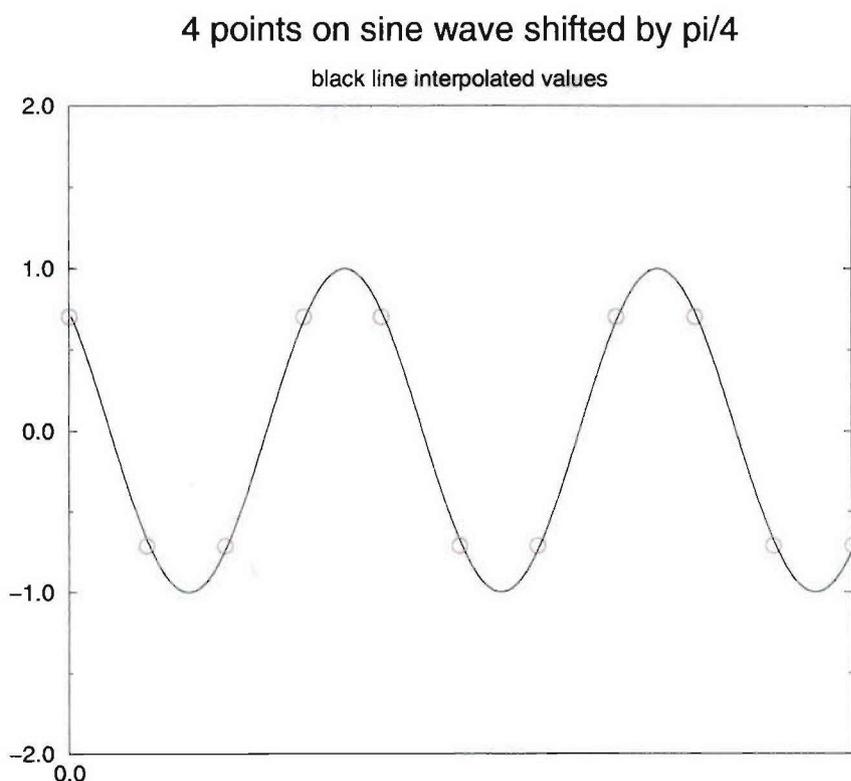


Figure B-6. A sine wave was interpolated from a waveform segment which has a 45° phase shift, with four points per cycle for 62 cycles. The interpolated values, plotted in black, were computed using the zero fill method described above. The true maximum is 1.00000, which is represented by here by 0.999987 for this test case. The same method was used for the calibration results, to obtain the true output voltage from the calibrator.

Appendix C

Power Spectral Noise Plots

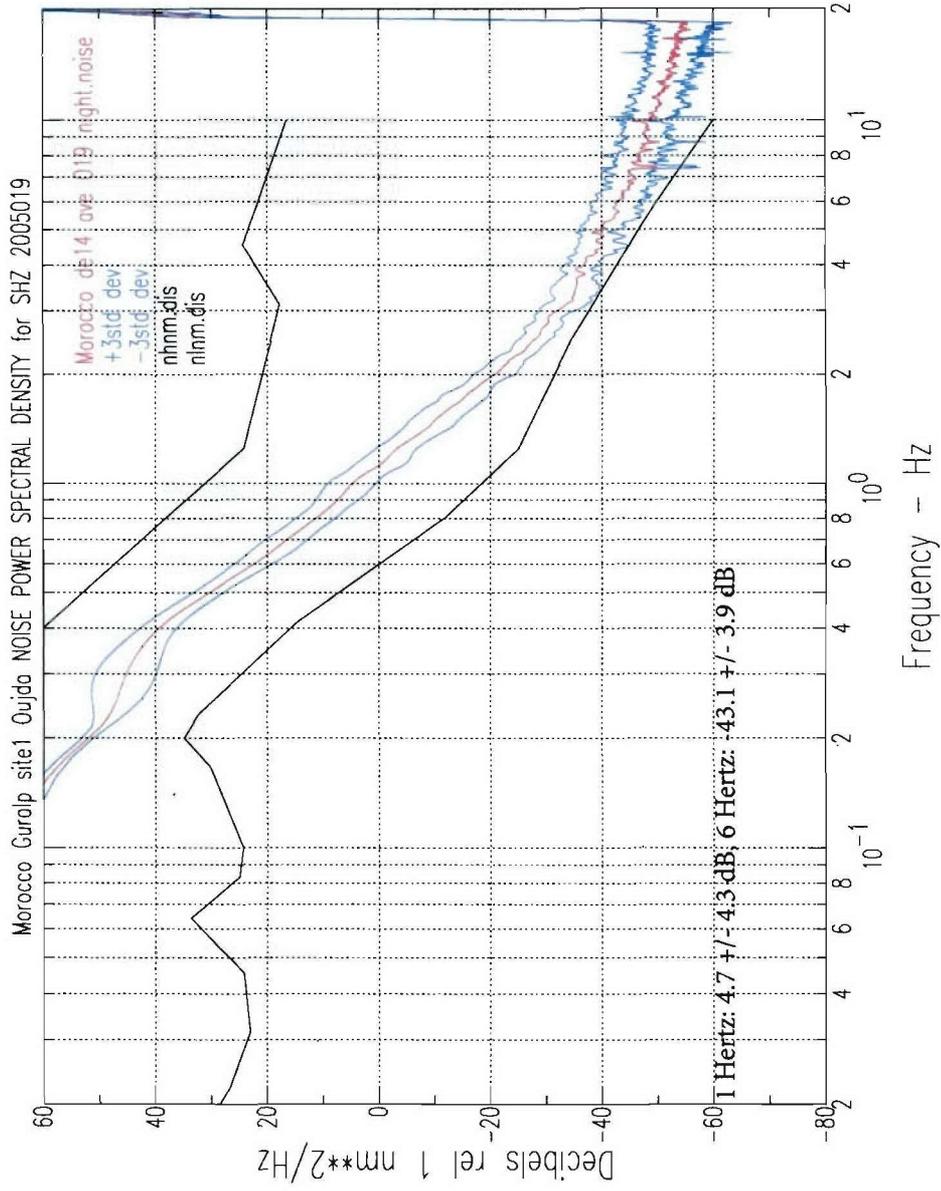


Figure C-1. Morocco Guralp Site 1, sensor DE14, DOY 019, night noise.

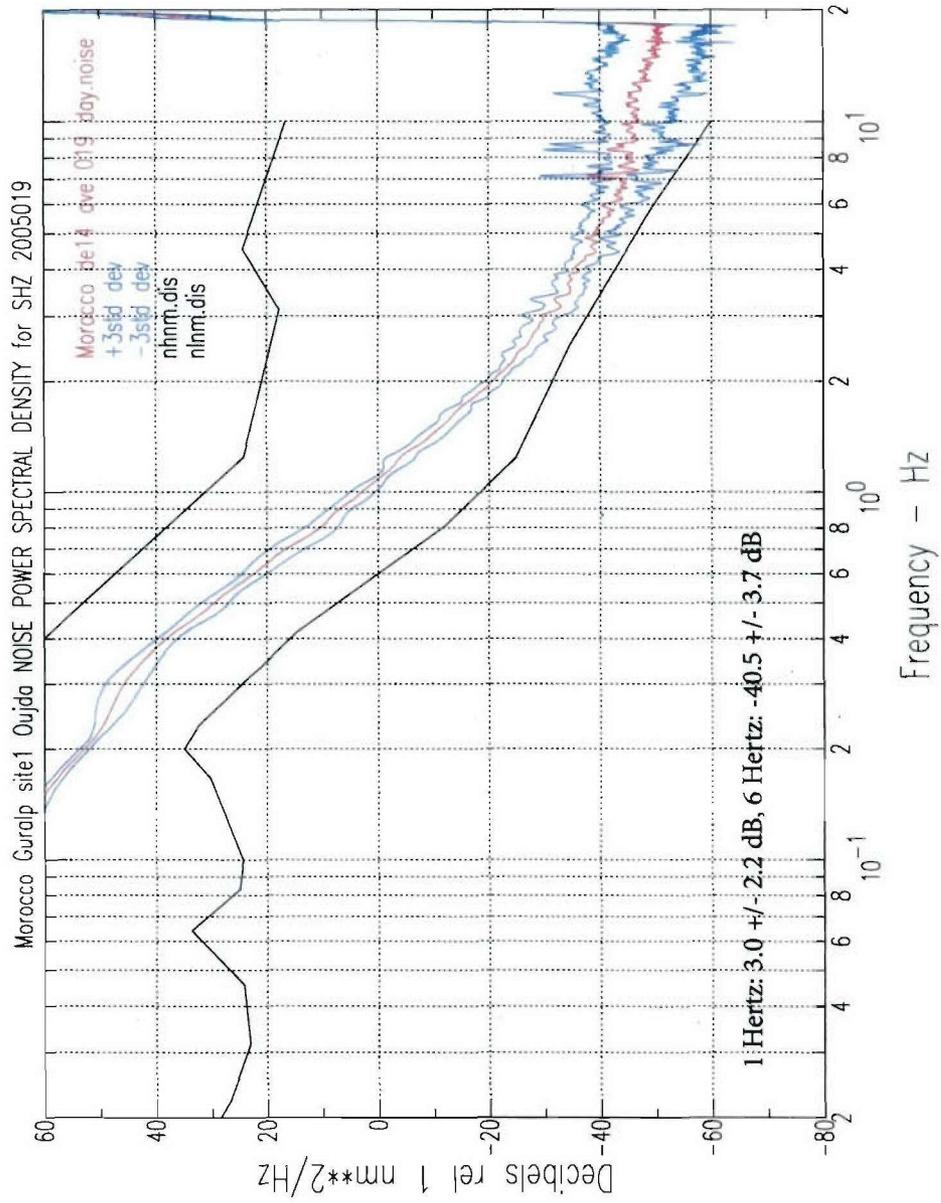


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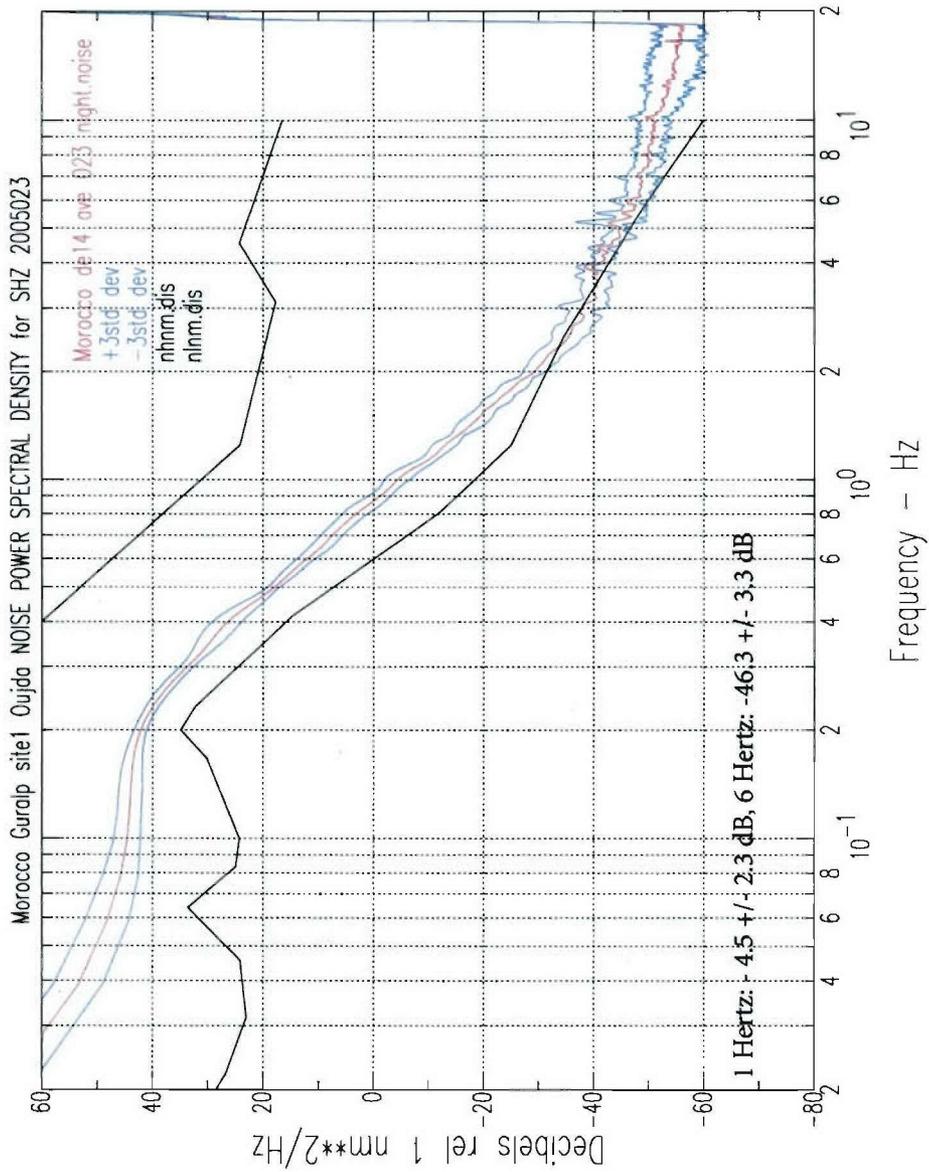


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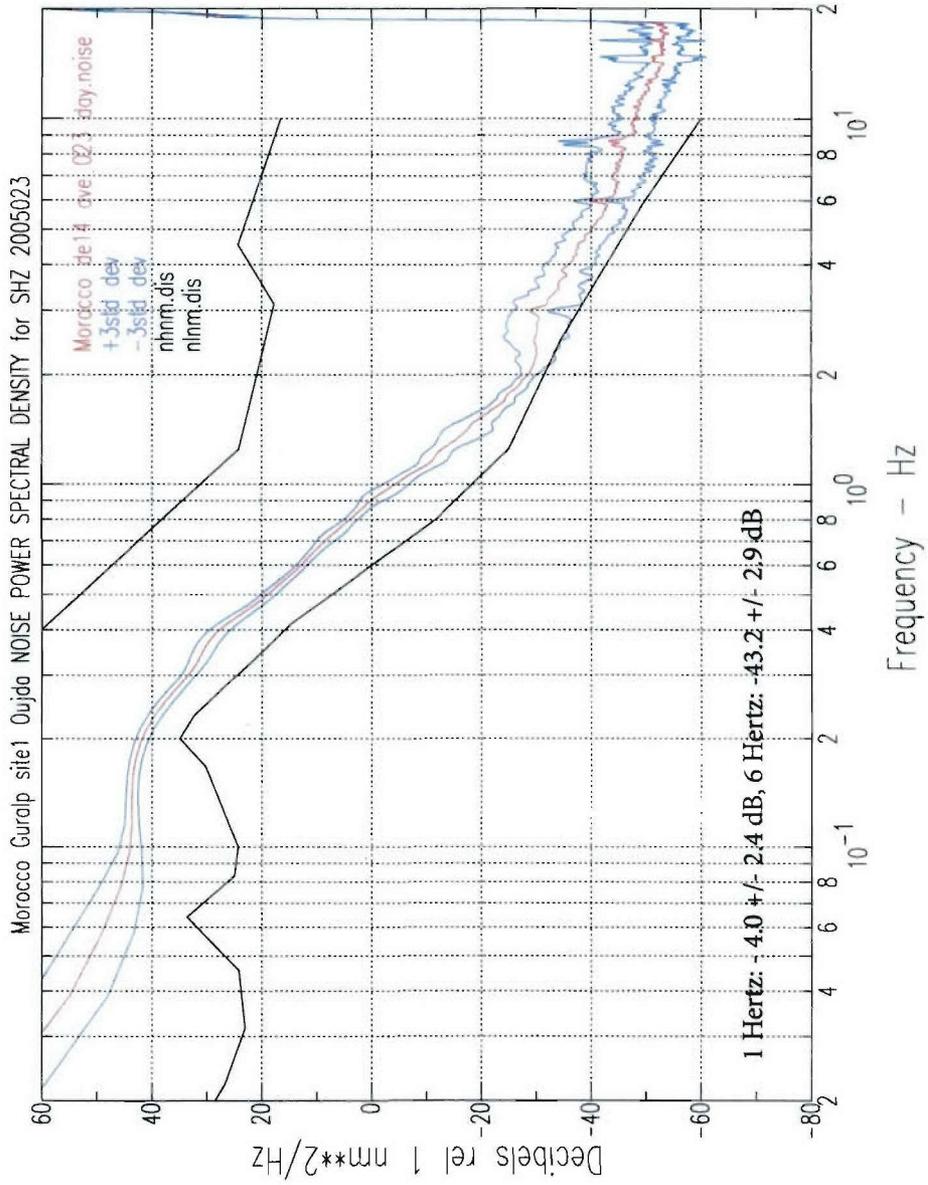


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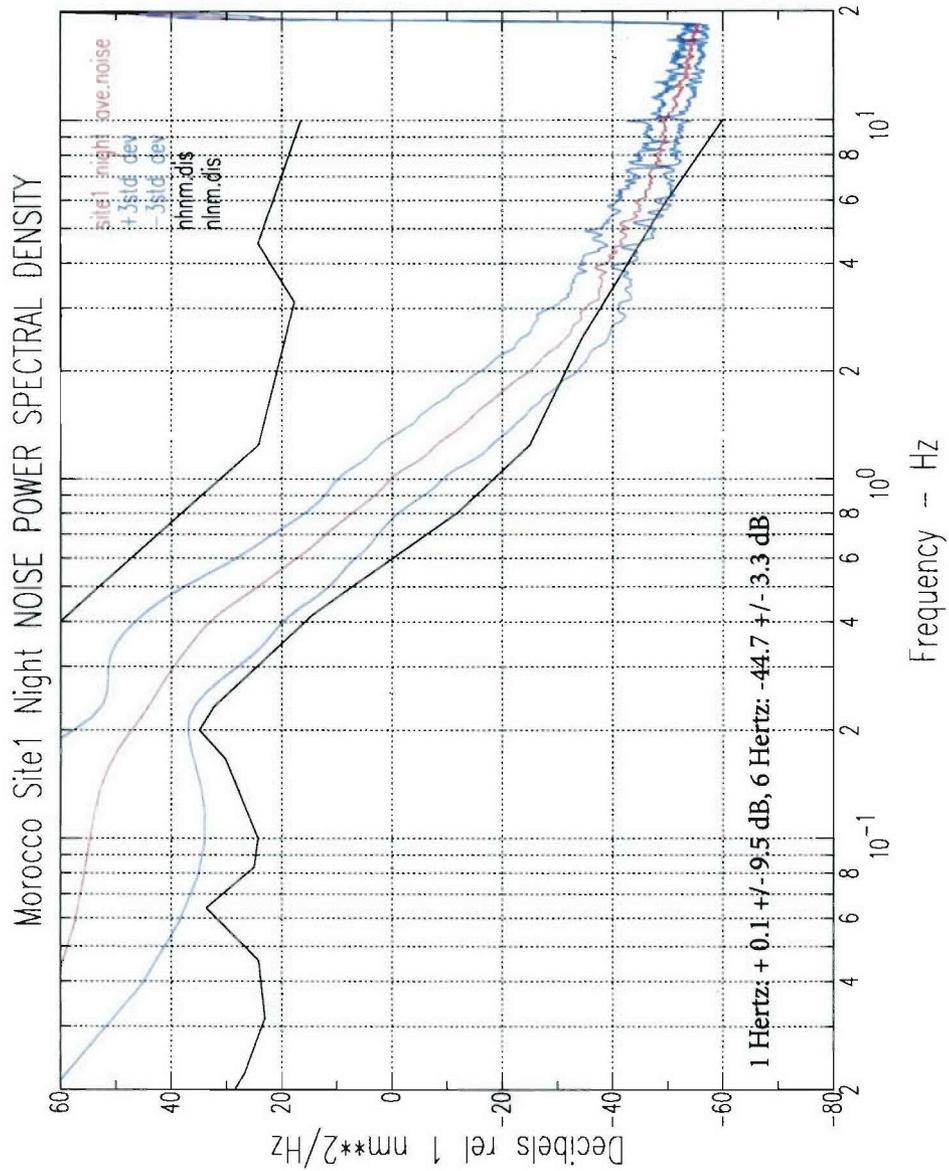


Figure C-5. Morocco Guralp Site 1, night average noise.

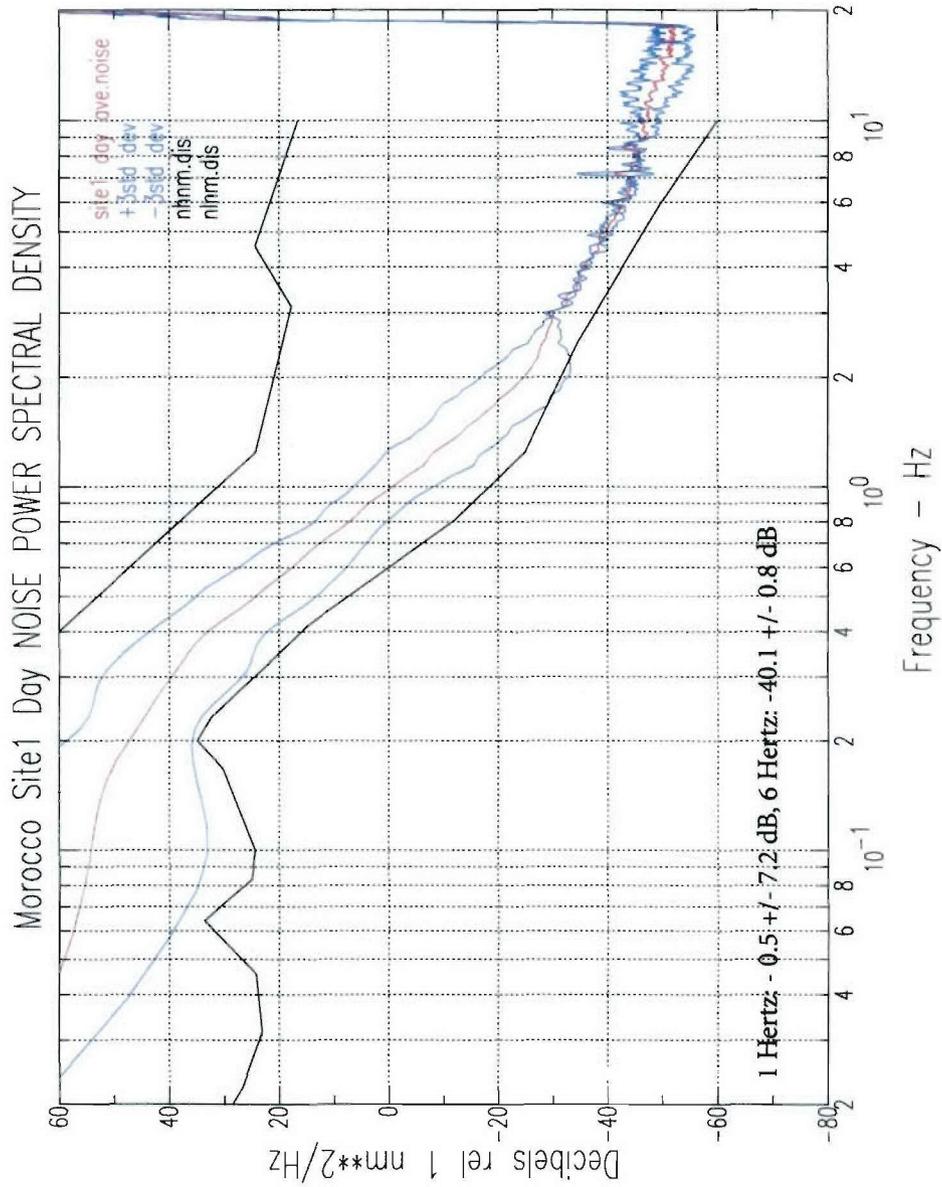


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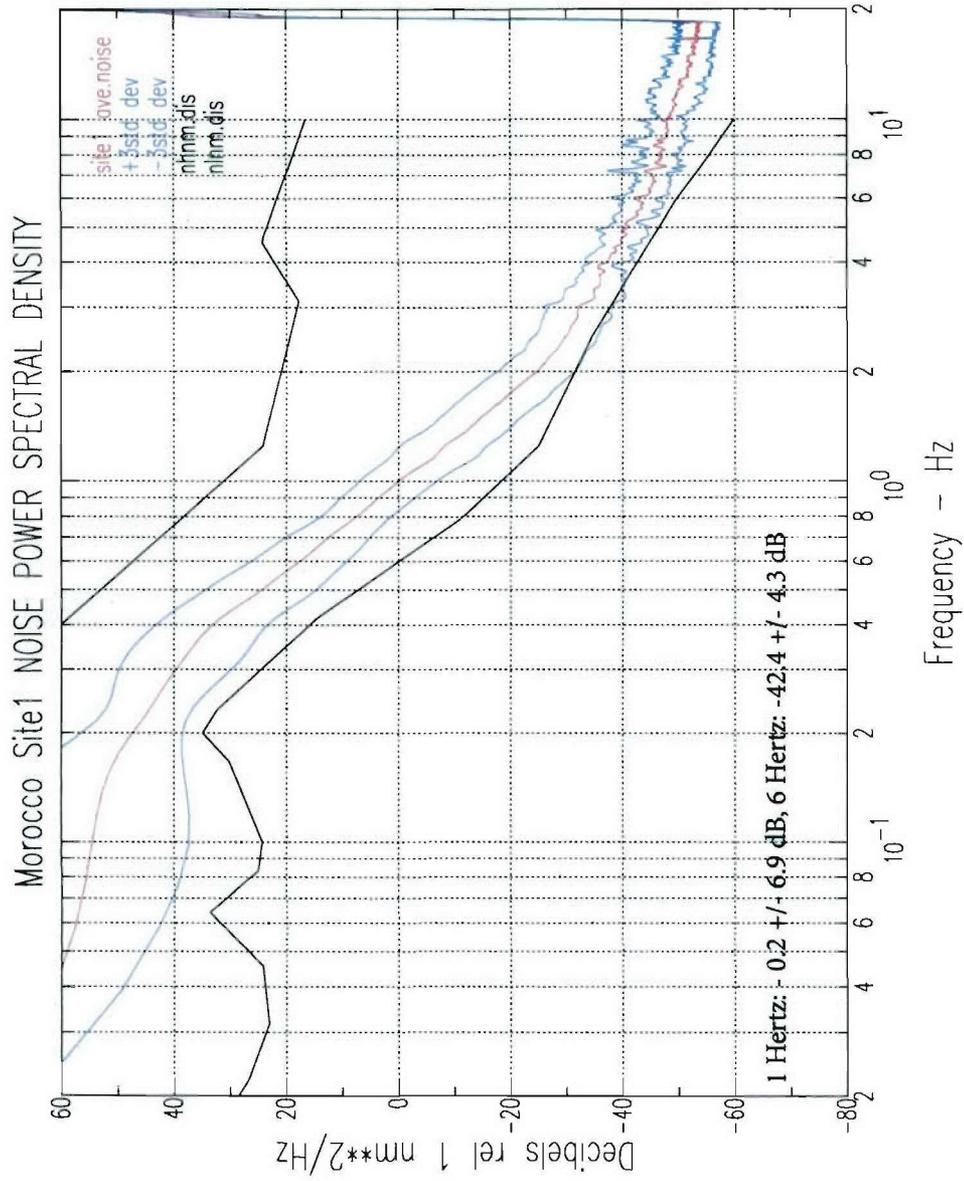


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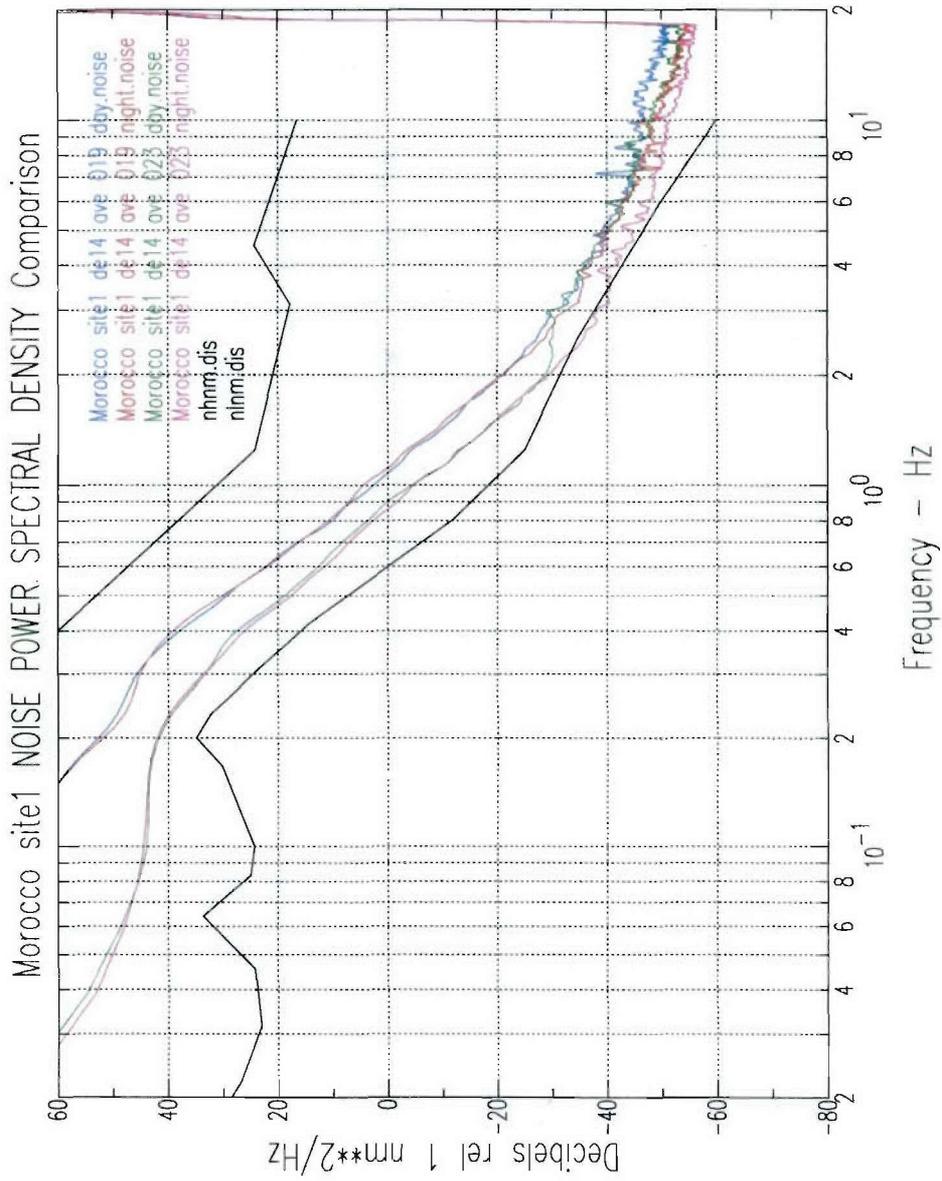


Figure C-8. Morocco Site 1, comparison day and night noise.

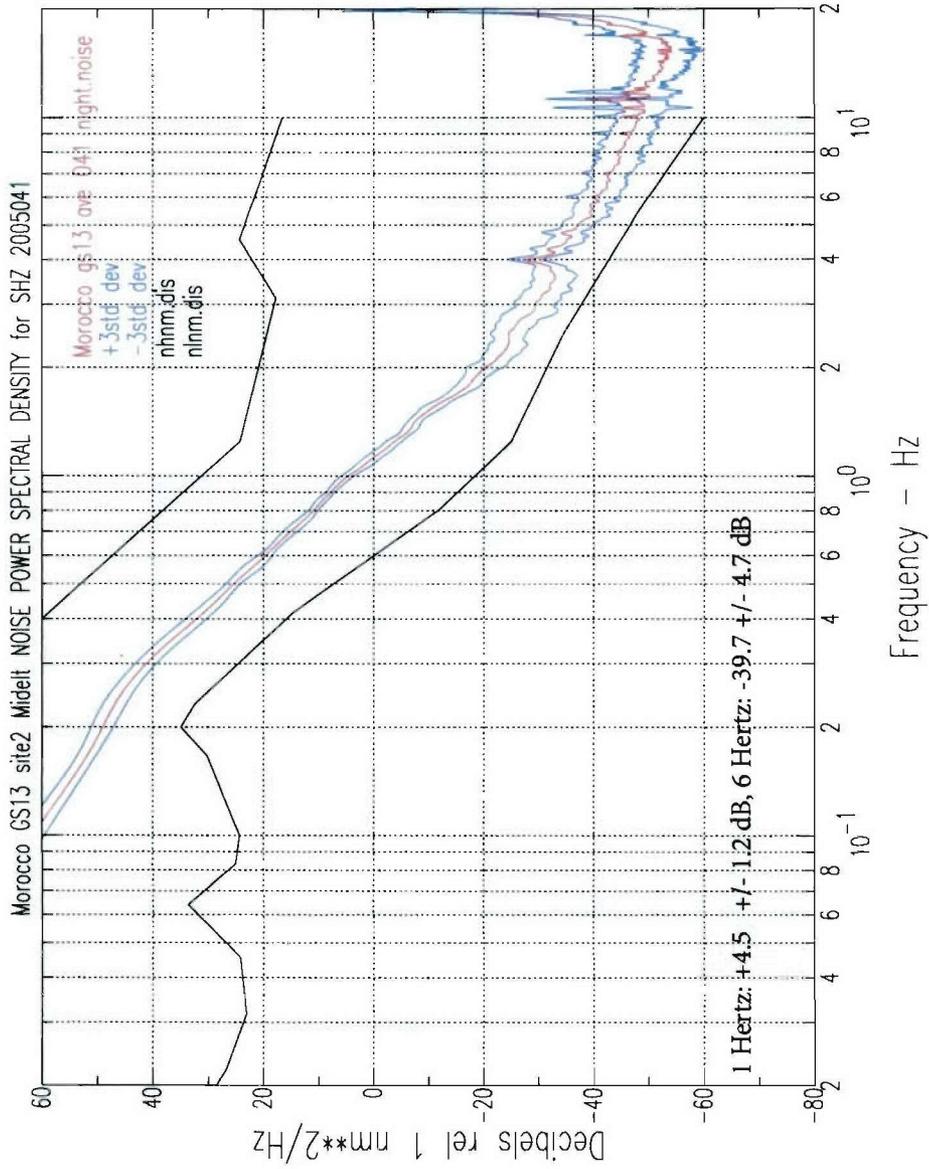


Figure C-9. Morocco GS13 Site 2, DOY 041, night noise

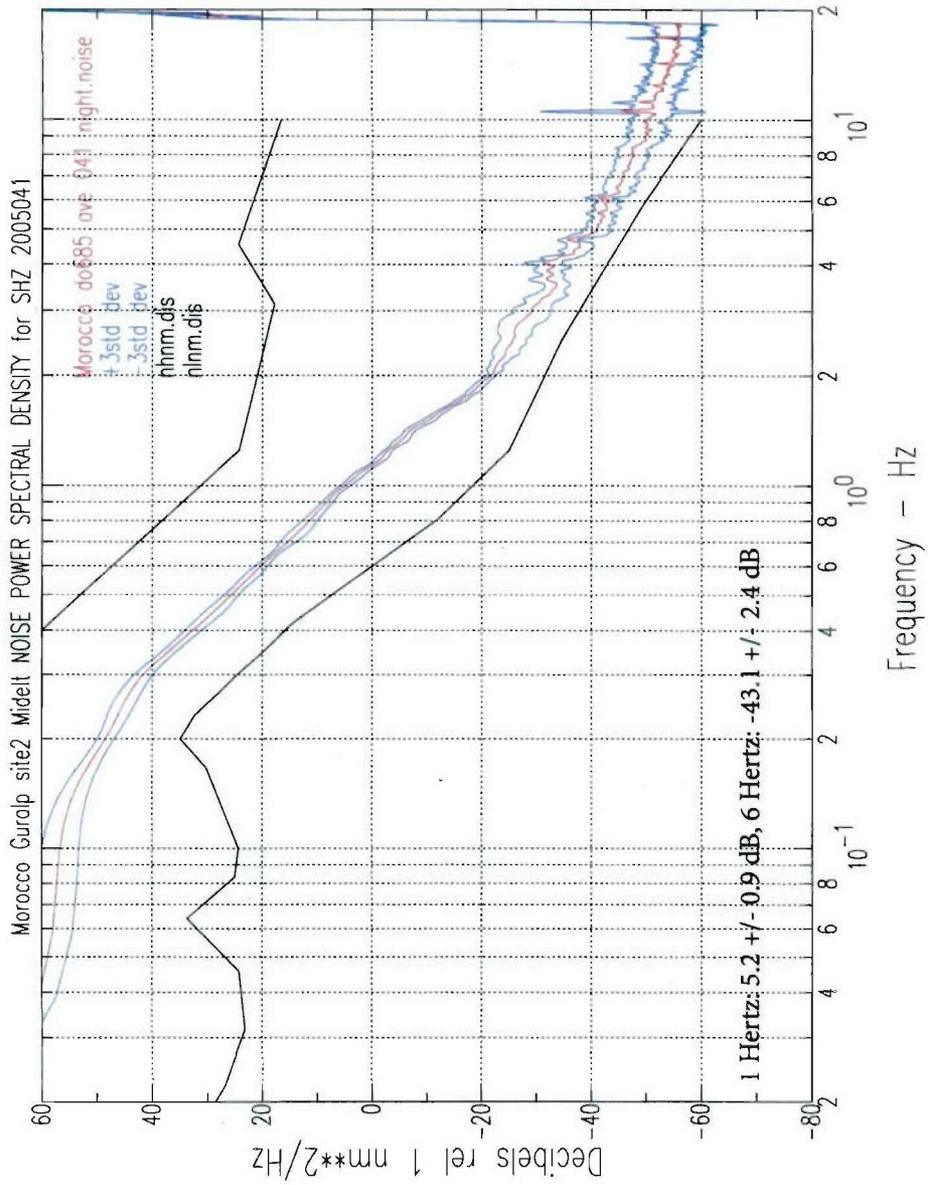


Figure C-10. Morocco Guralp Site 2, sensor DO685, DOY 041, night noise.

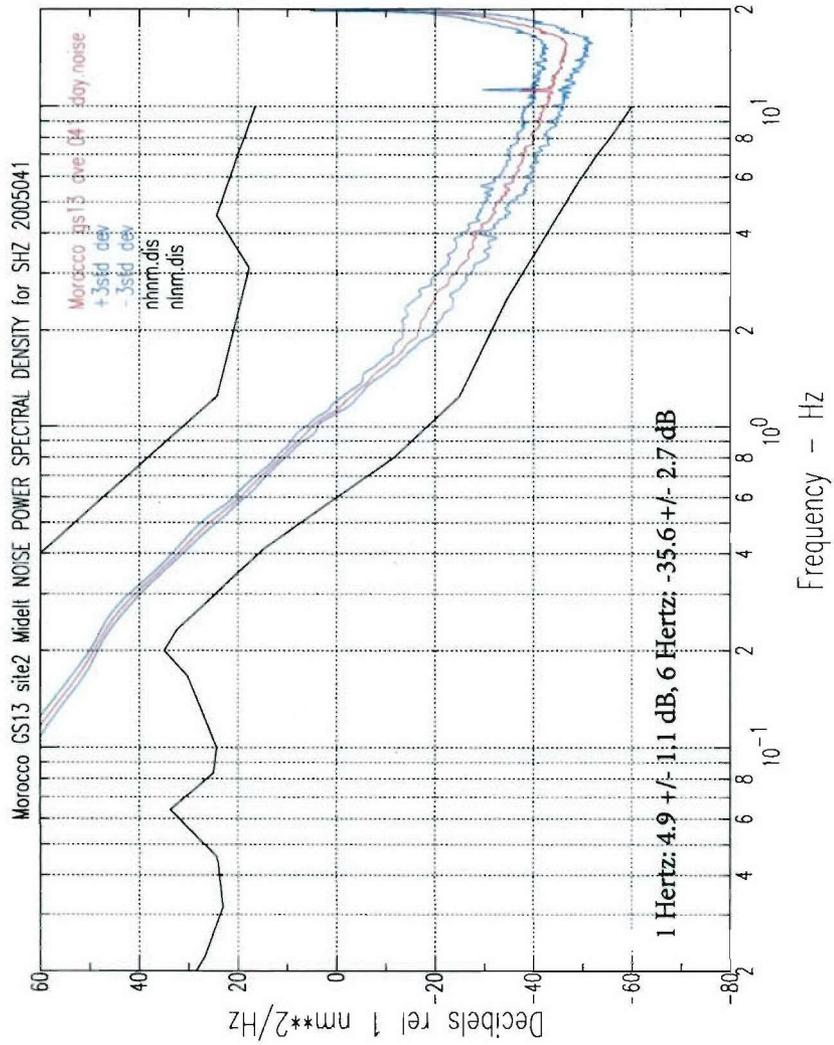


Figure C-11. GS13 Site 2, day noise for DOY 041.

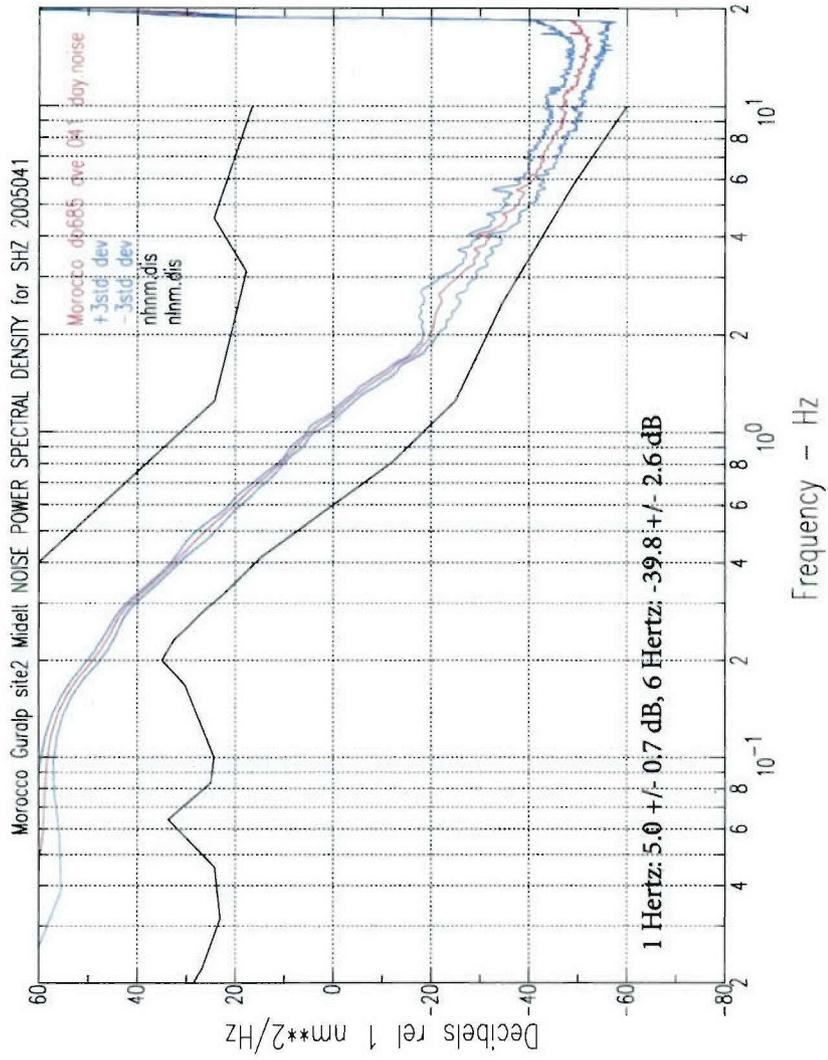


Figure C-12. Guralp DO685, DOY 041, day noise.

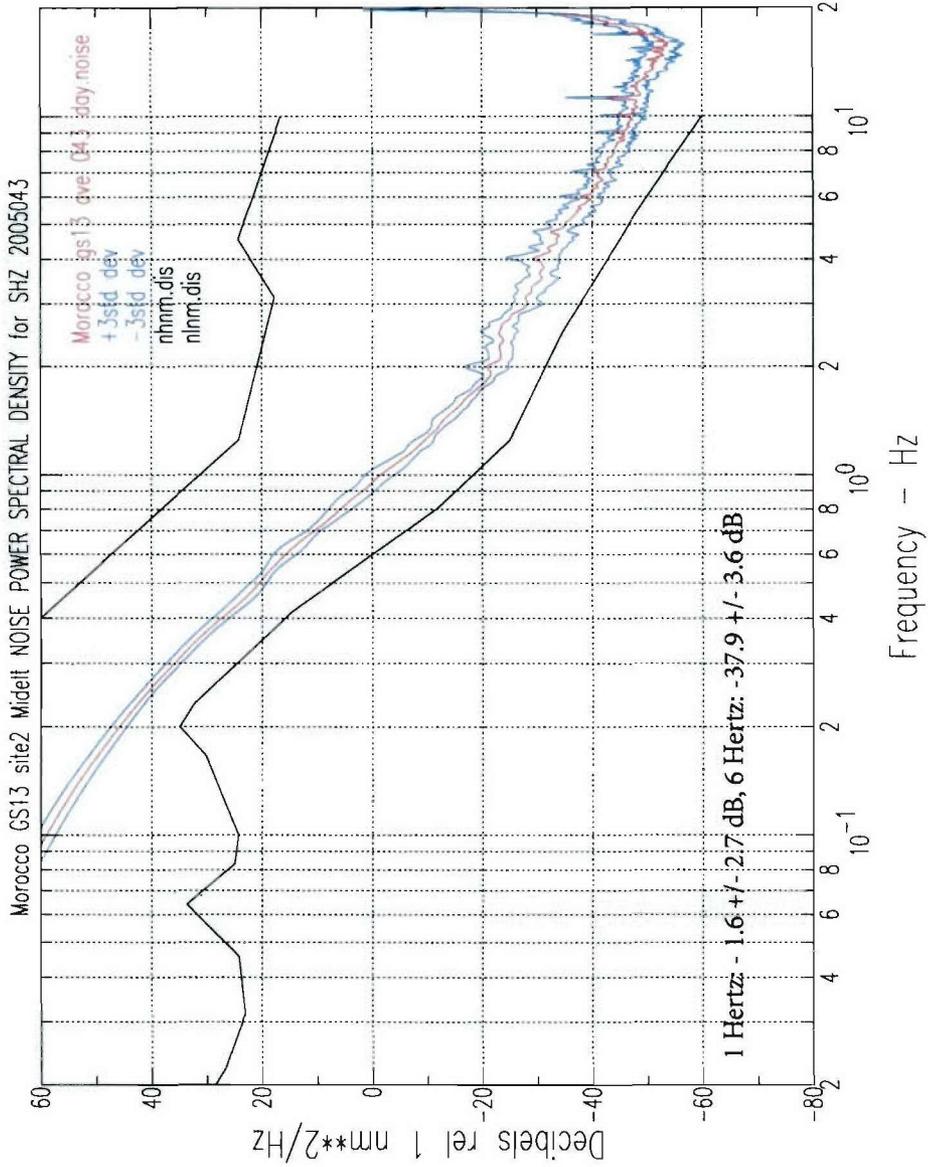


Figure C-13. Morocco GS13 Site 2, DOY 043, day noise.

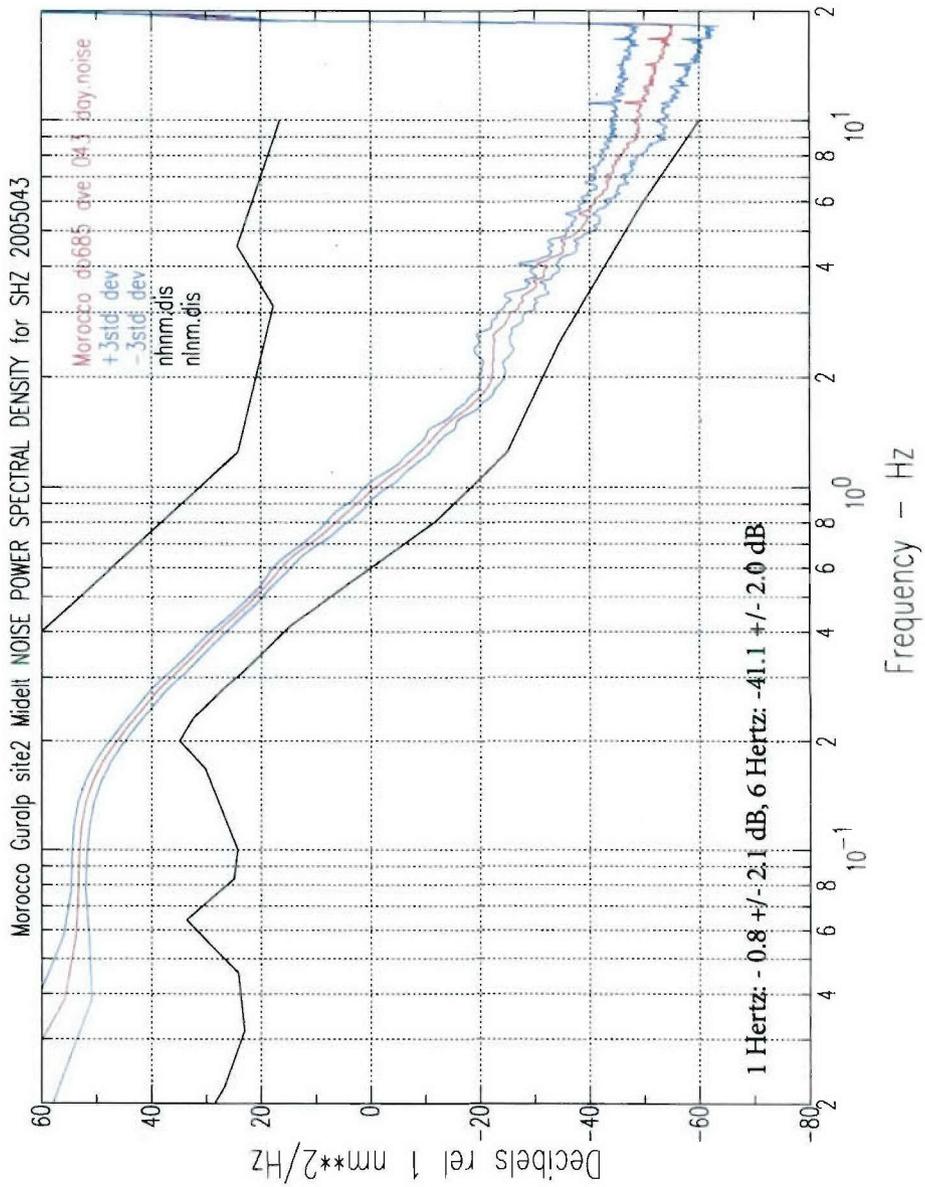


Figure C-14. Morocco Guralp Site 2, sensor DO685, DOY 043, day noise.

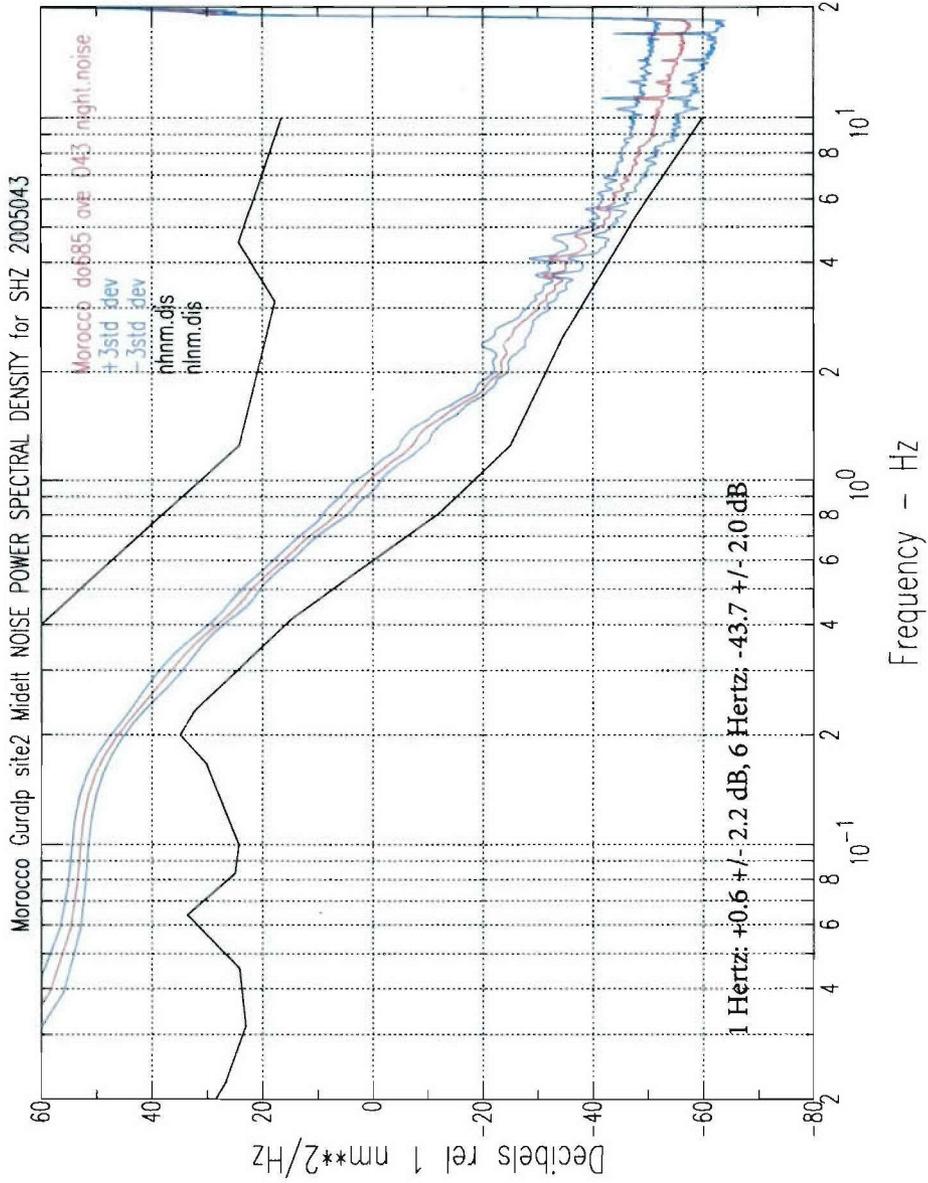


Figure C-15. Morocco Guralp Site 2, sensor DO685, DOY 043, night noise.

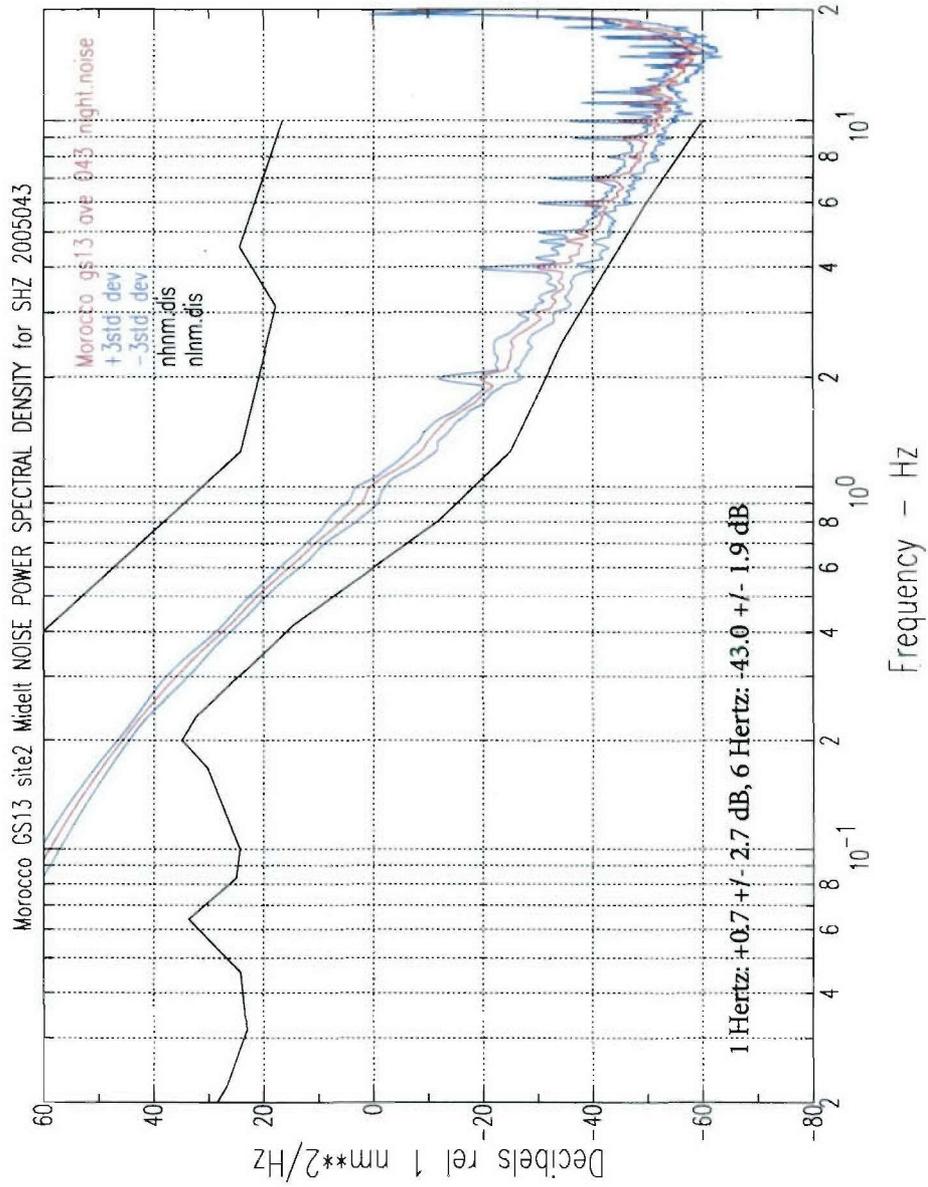


Figure C-16. Morocco GS13 Site 2, DOY 043, night noise.

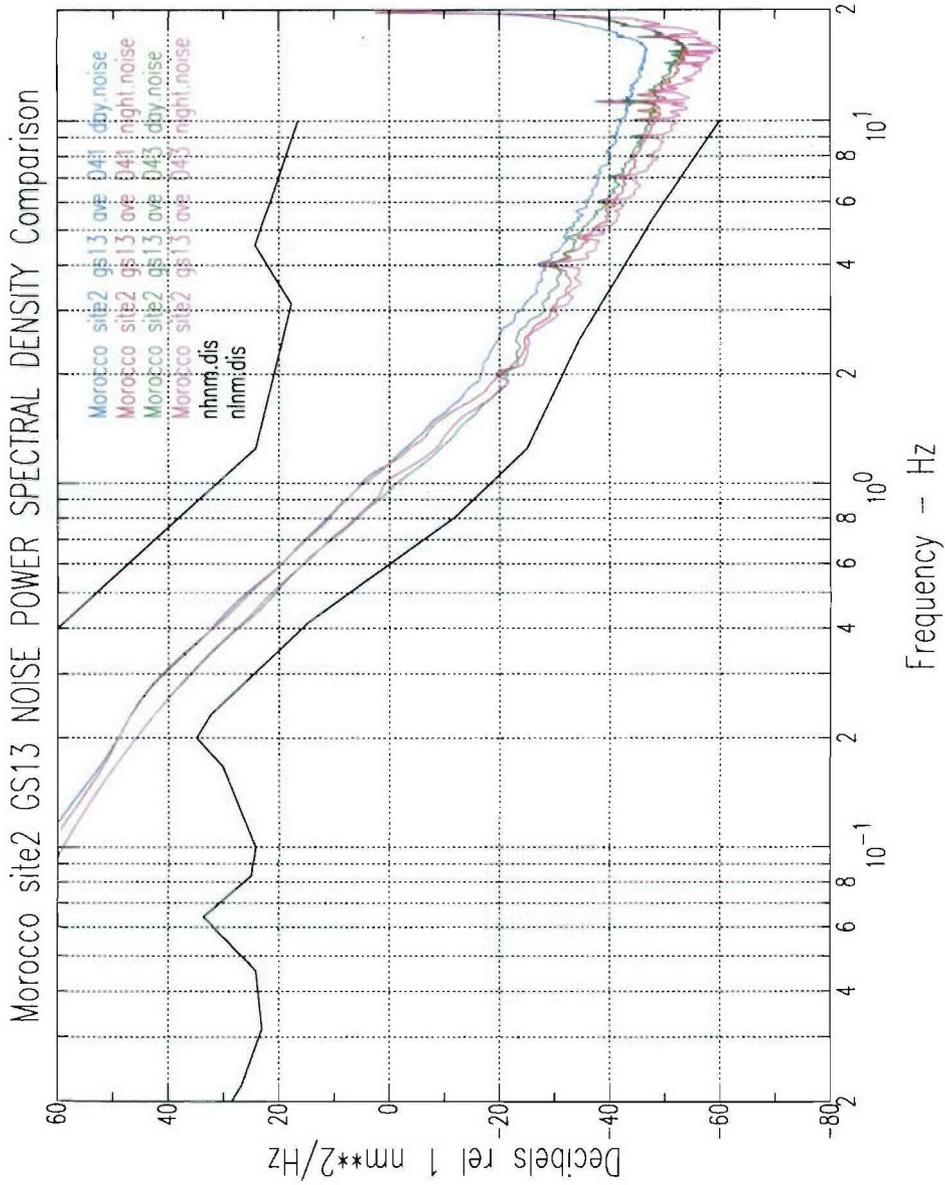


Figure C-17. Morocco Site 2 GS13, comparison day and night noise.

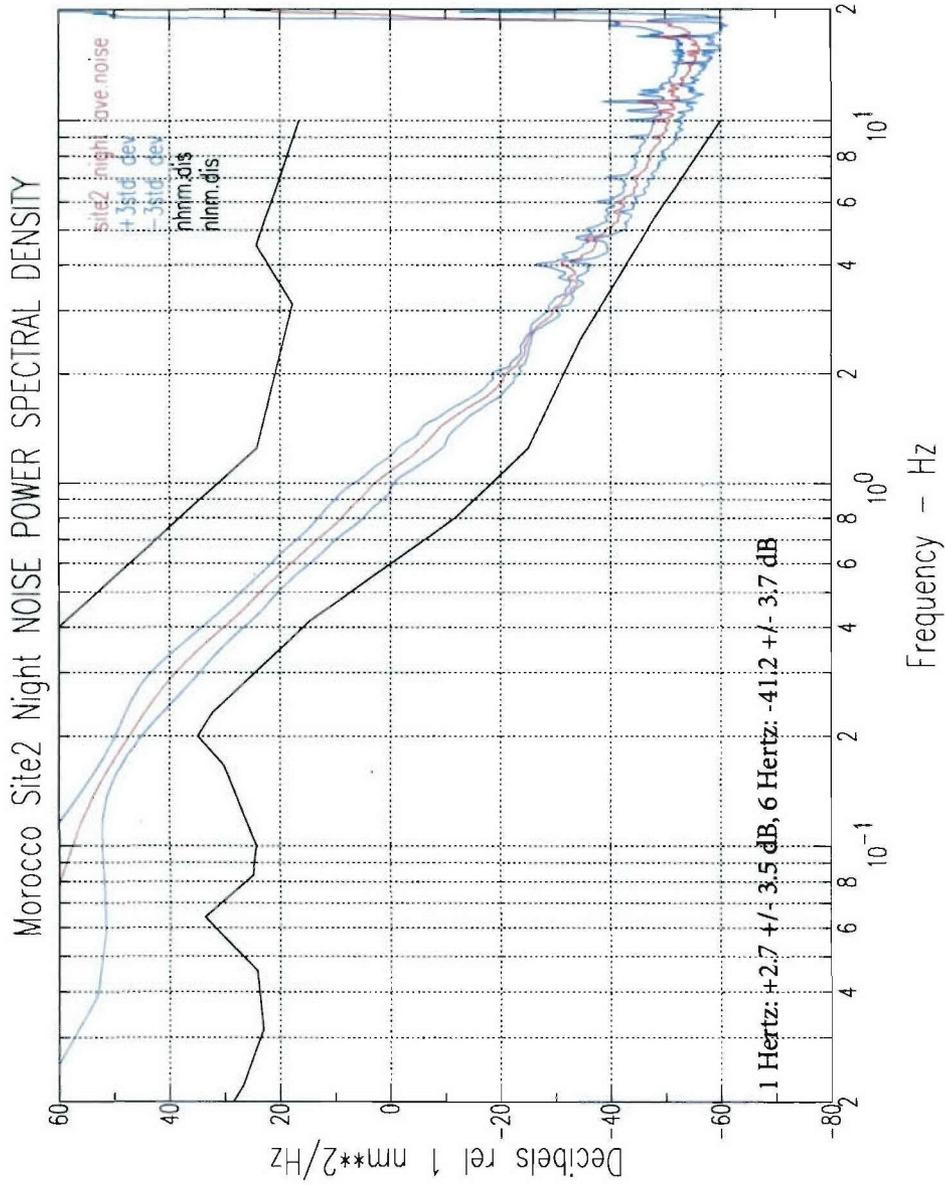


Figure C-19. Morocco Site 2, night average noise.

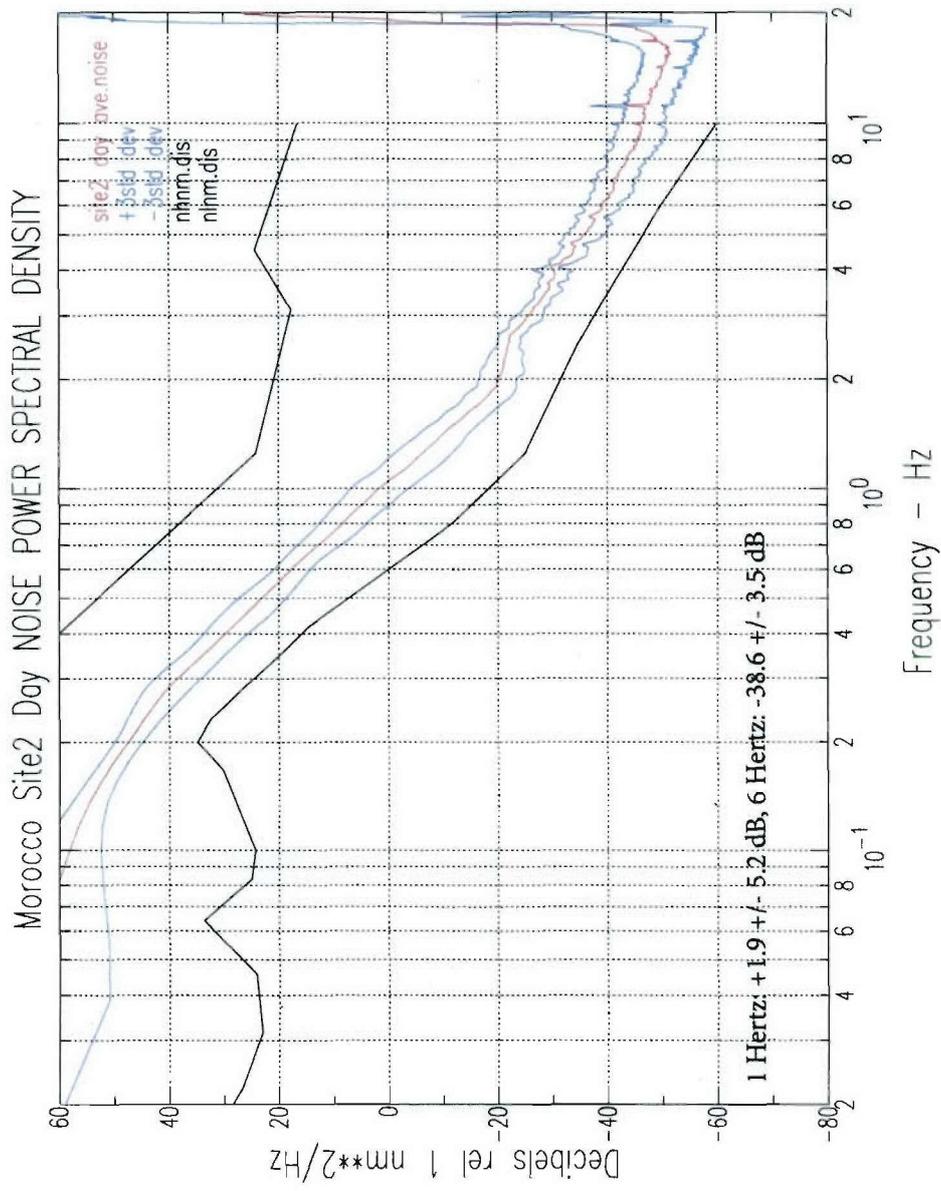


Figure C-20. Morocco Site 2, day average noise.

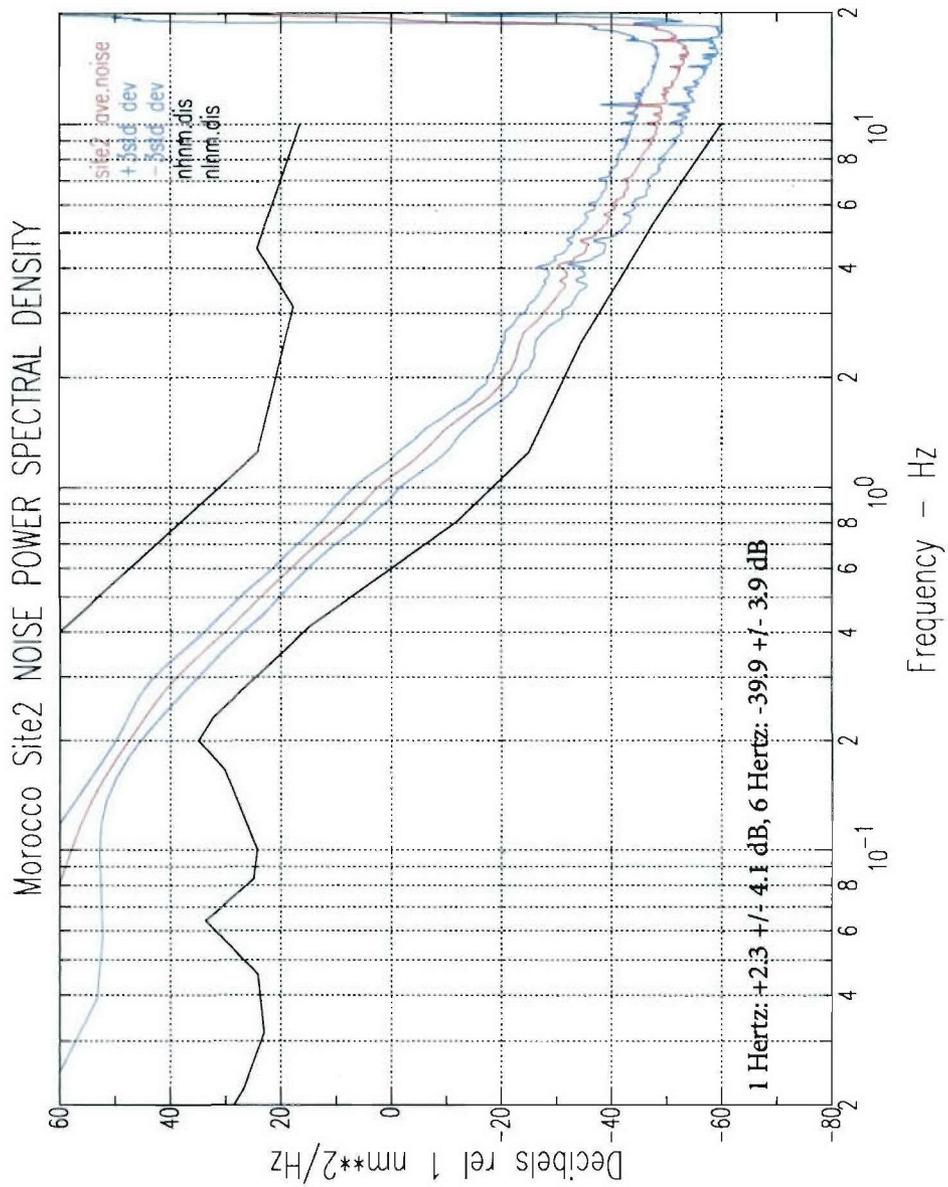


Figure C-21. Morocco Site 2, average noise

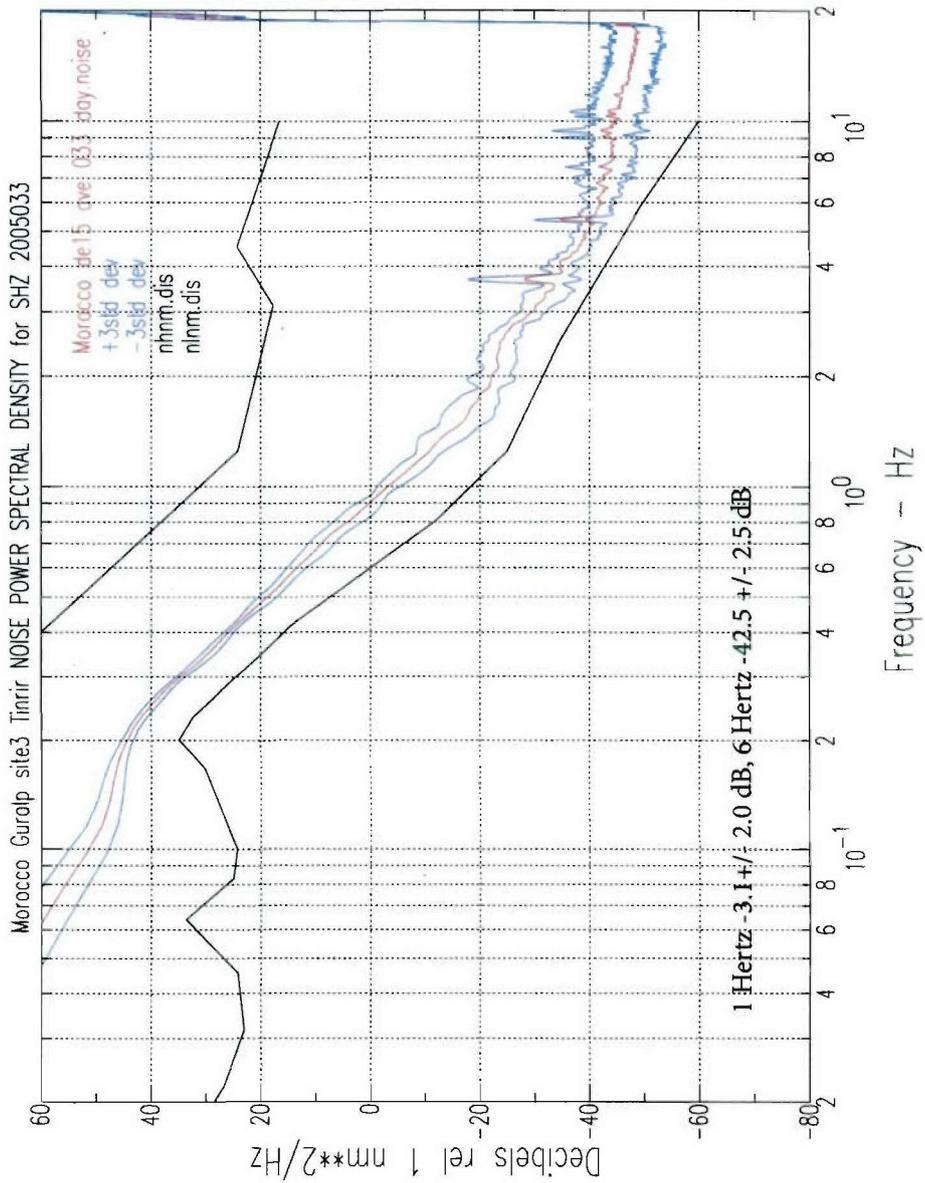


Figure C-22. Morocco Guralp Site 3, sensor DE15, DOY 033, day noise.

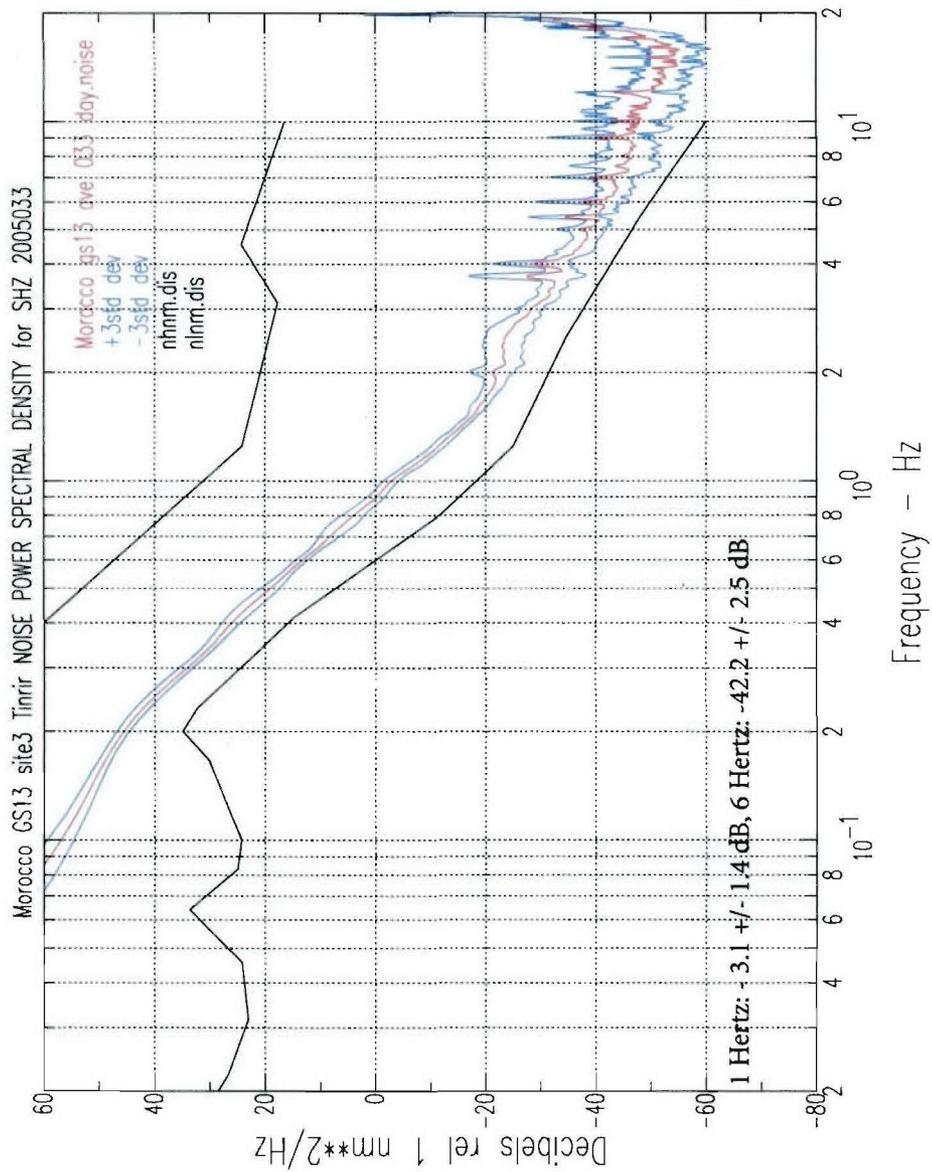


Figure C-23. Morocco GS13 Site 3, DOY 033, day noise.

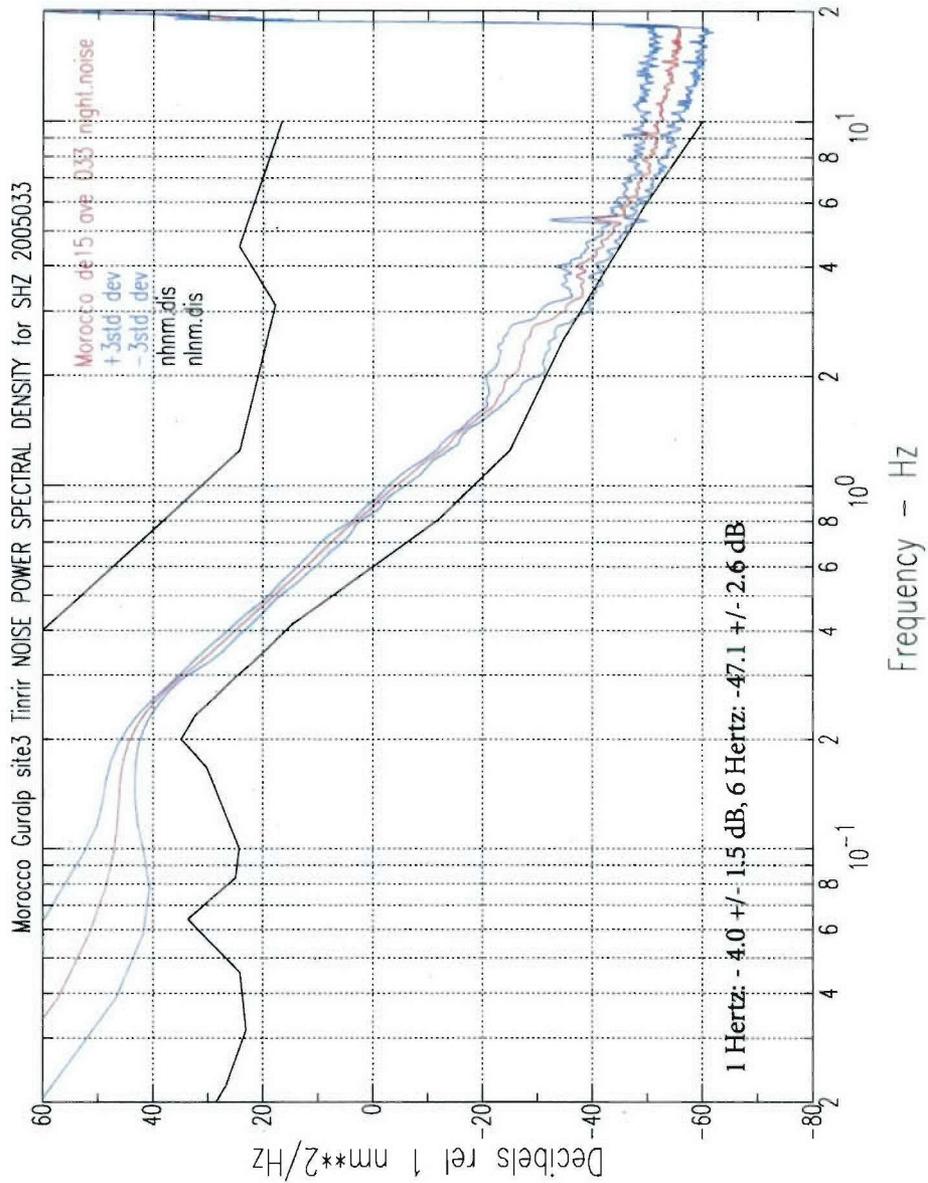


Figure C-24. Morocco Guralp Site 3, sensor DE15, DOY 033, night noise.

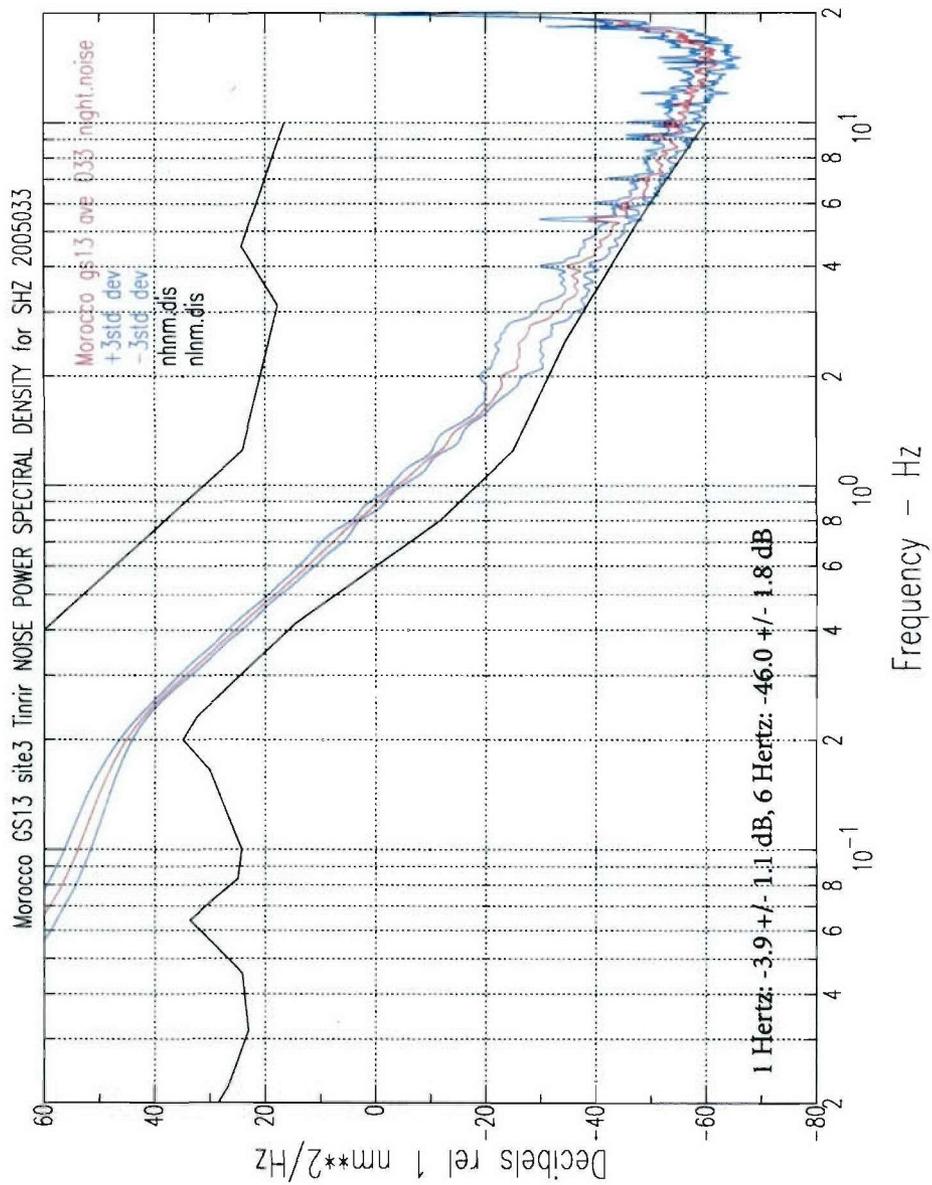


Figure C-25. Morocco GS13 Site 3, DOY 033, night noise.

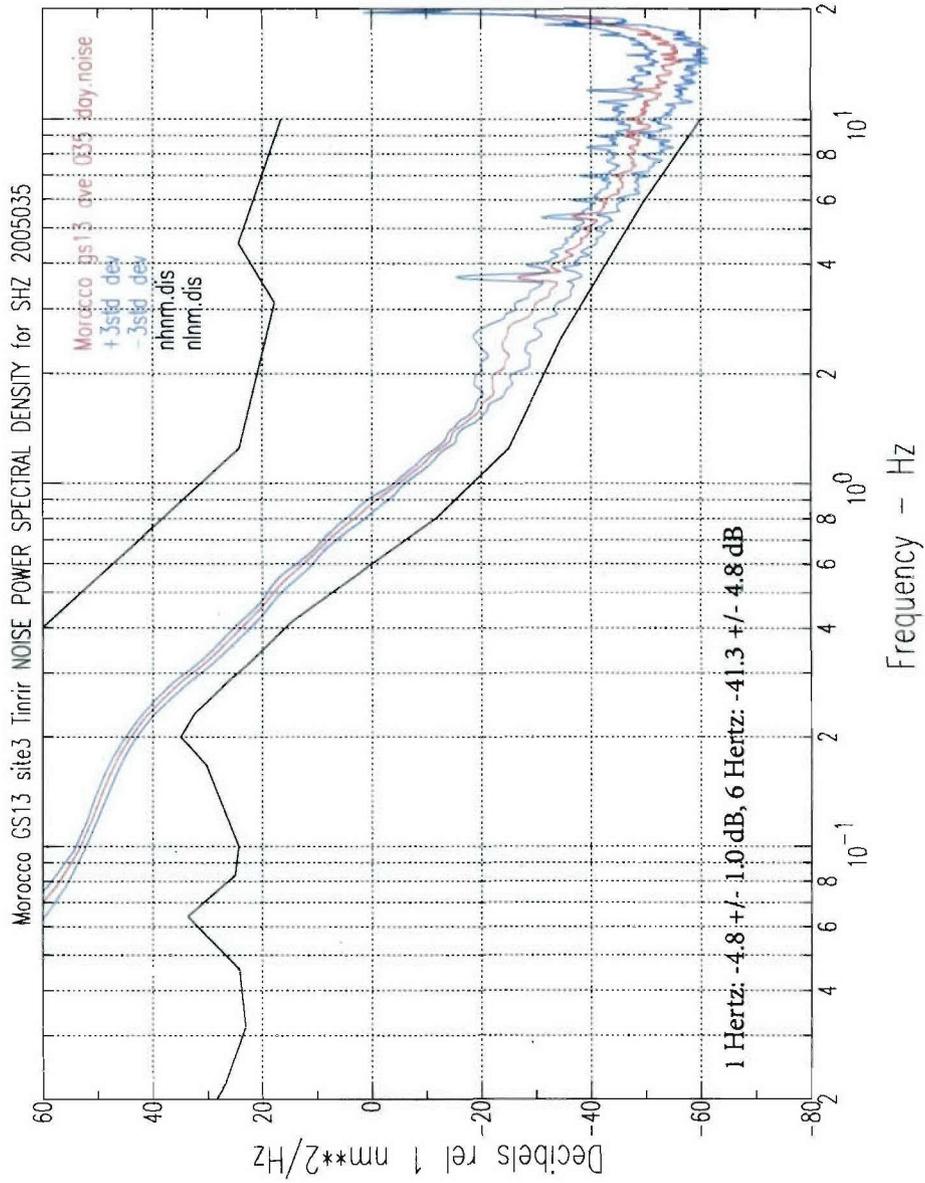


Figure C-26. Morocco GS13 Site 3, DOY 035, day noise.

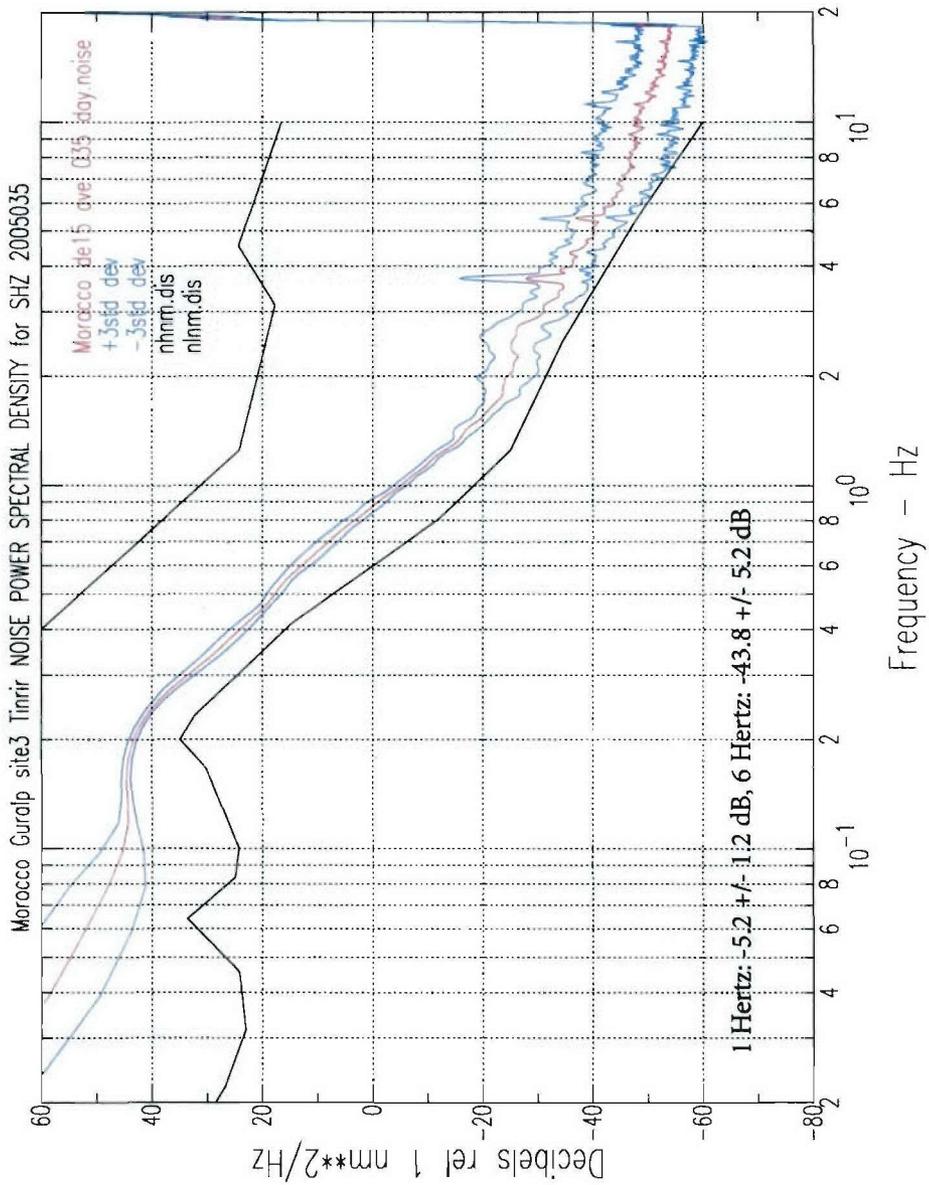


Figure C-27. Morocco Guralp Site 3, sensor DE15, DOY 035, day noise.

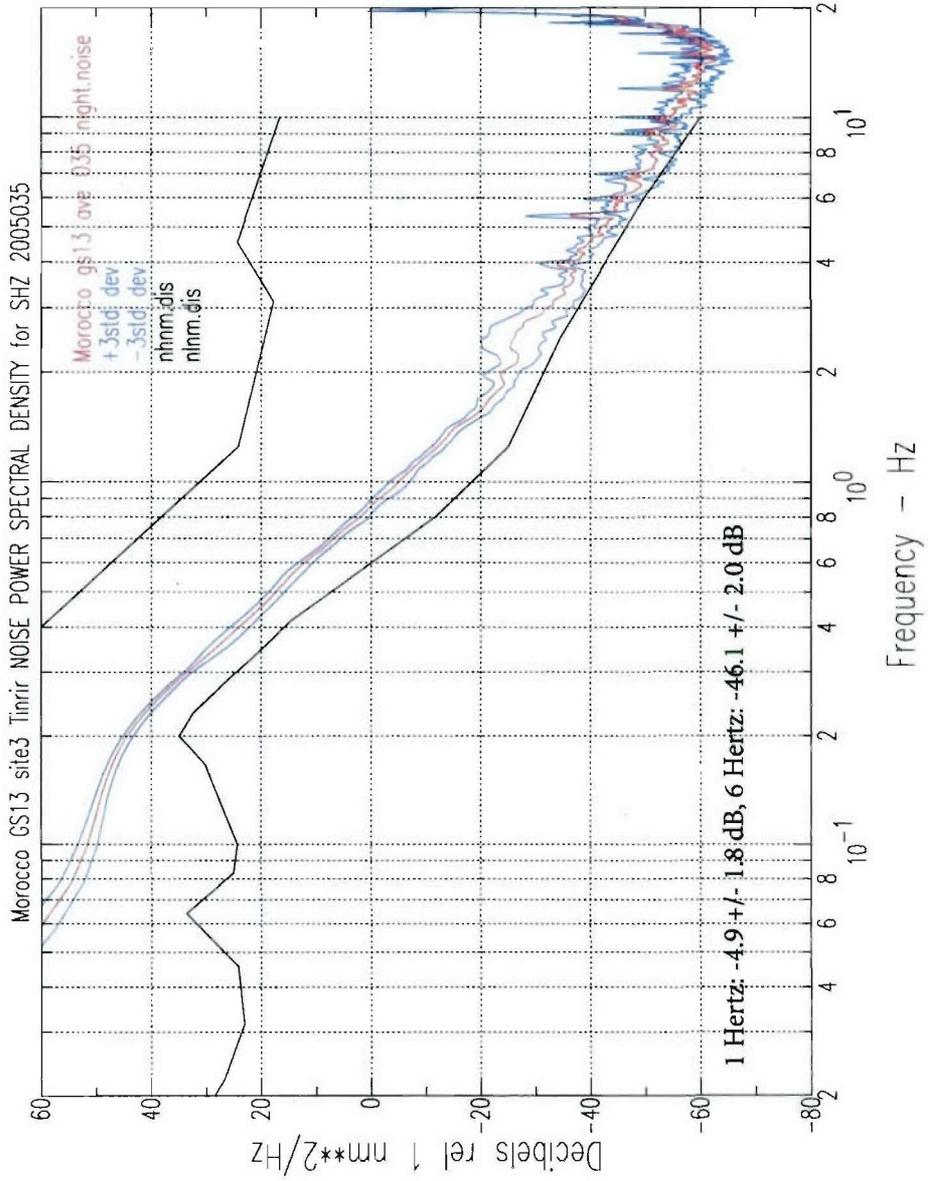


Figure C-28. Morocco GS13 Site 3, DOY 035, night noise.

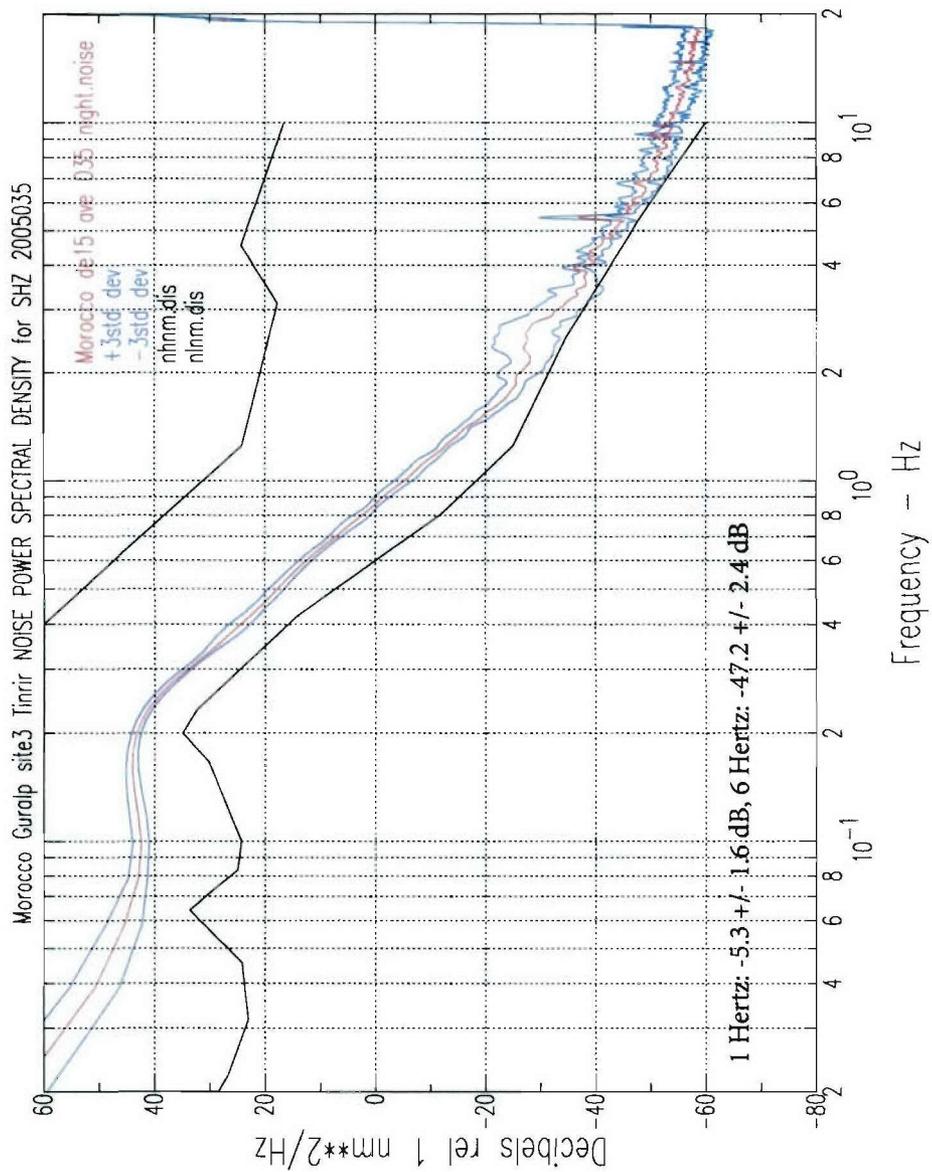


Figure C-29. Morocco Guralp Site 3, sensor DE15, DOY 035, night noise.

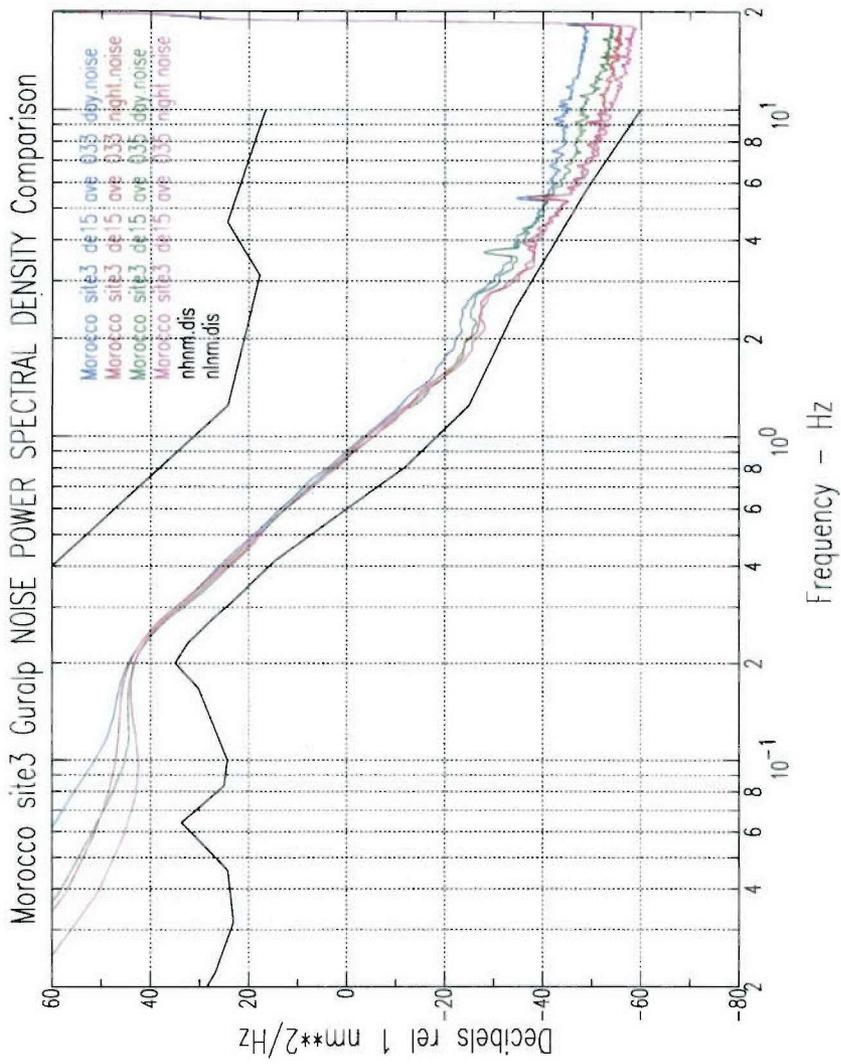


Figure C-30. Guralp Site 3 noise comparison.

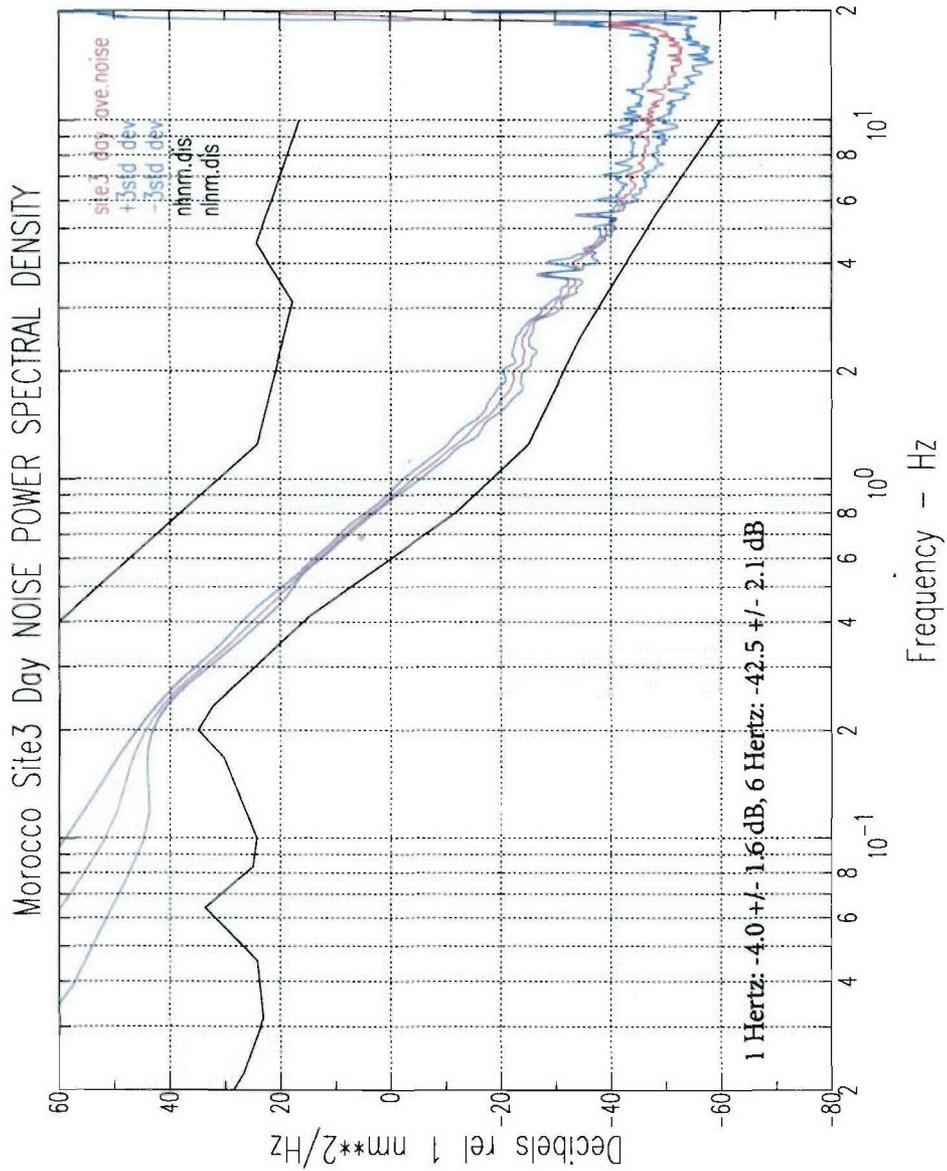


Figure C-31. Morocco Site 3, day average noise.

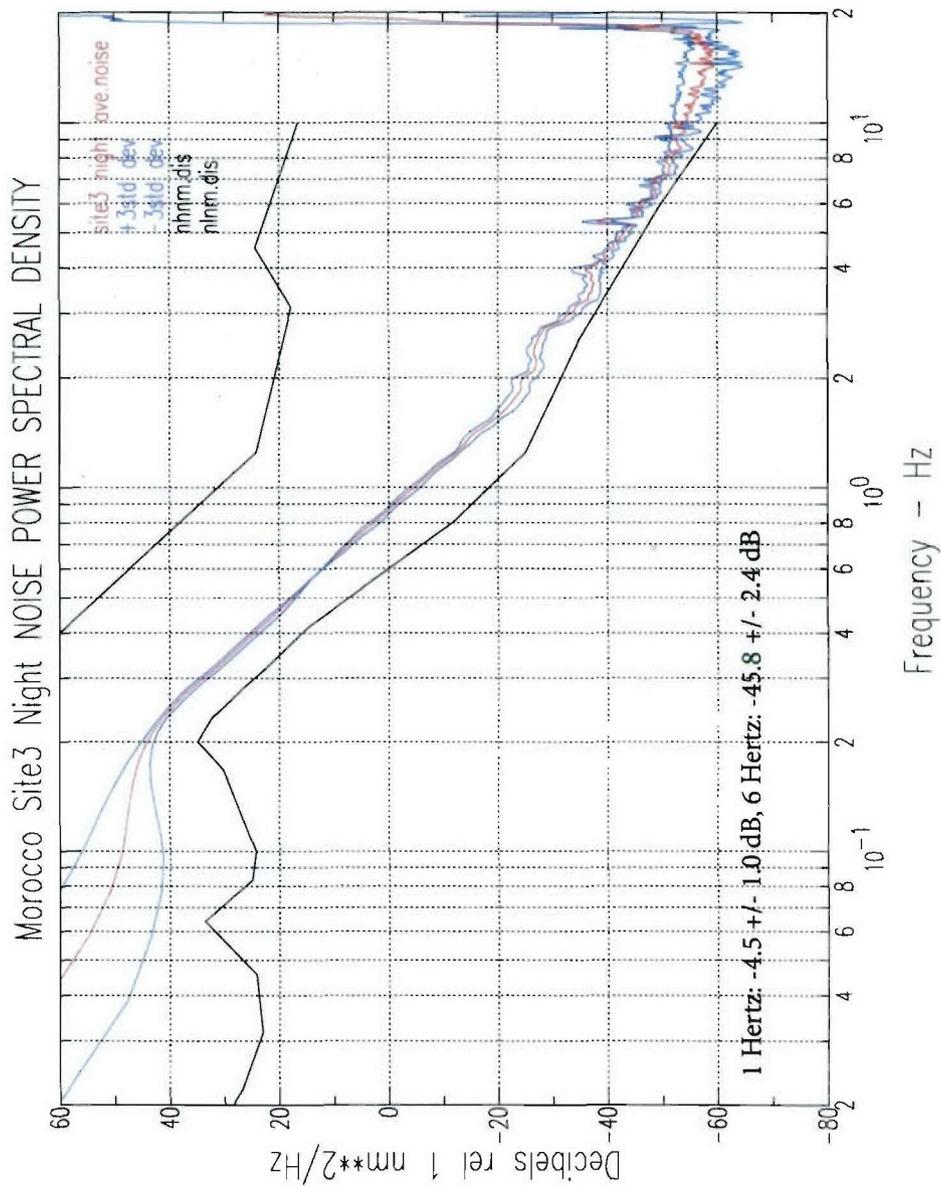


Figure C-32. Morocco Site 3, night average noise.

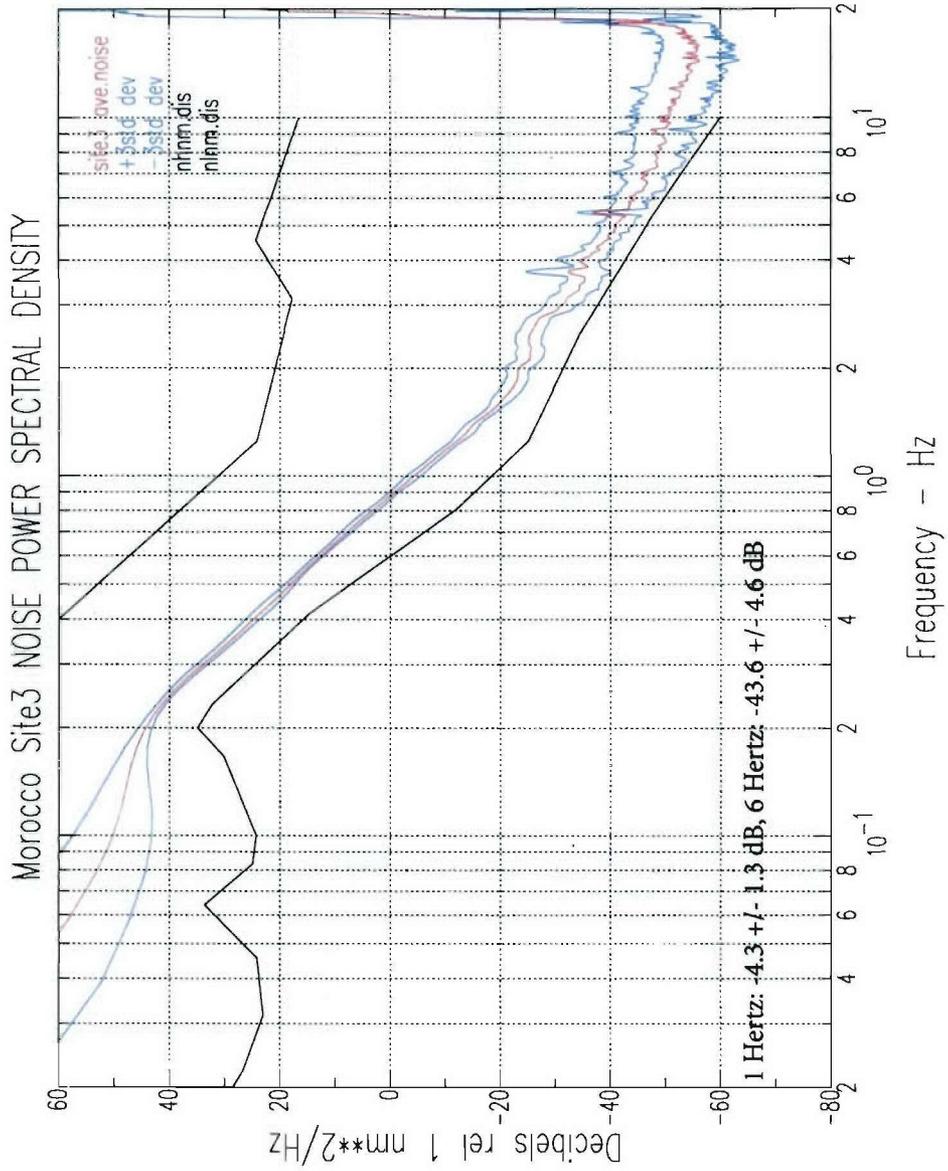


Figure C-33. Morocco Site 3, average noise.

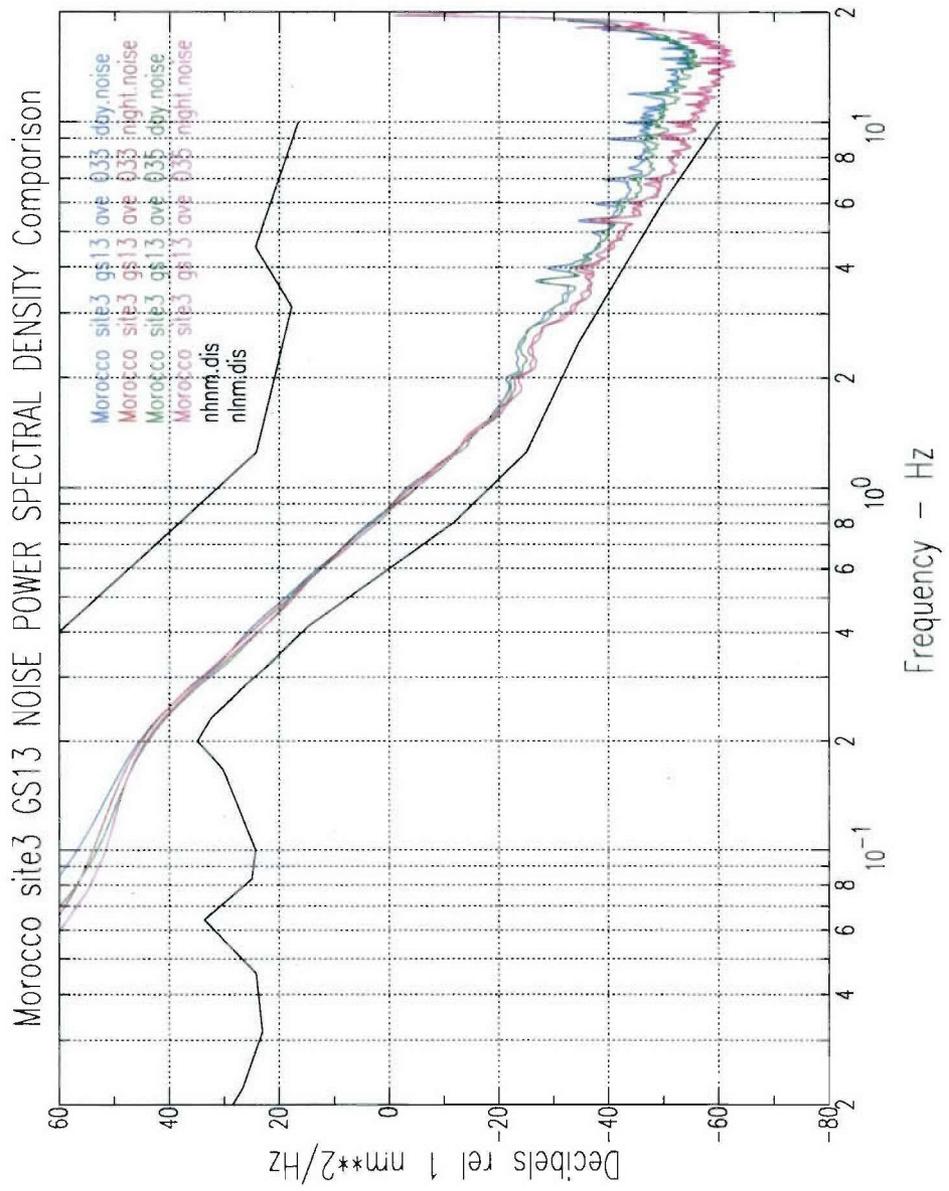


Figure C-34. Morocco Site 3 GS13 comparison day and night noise.

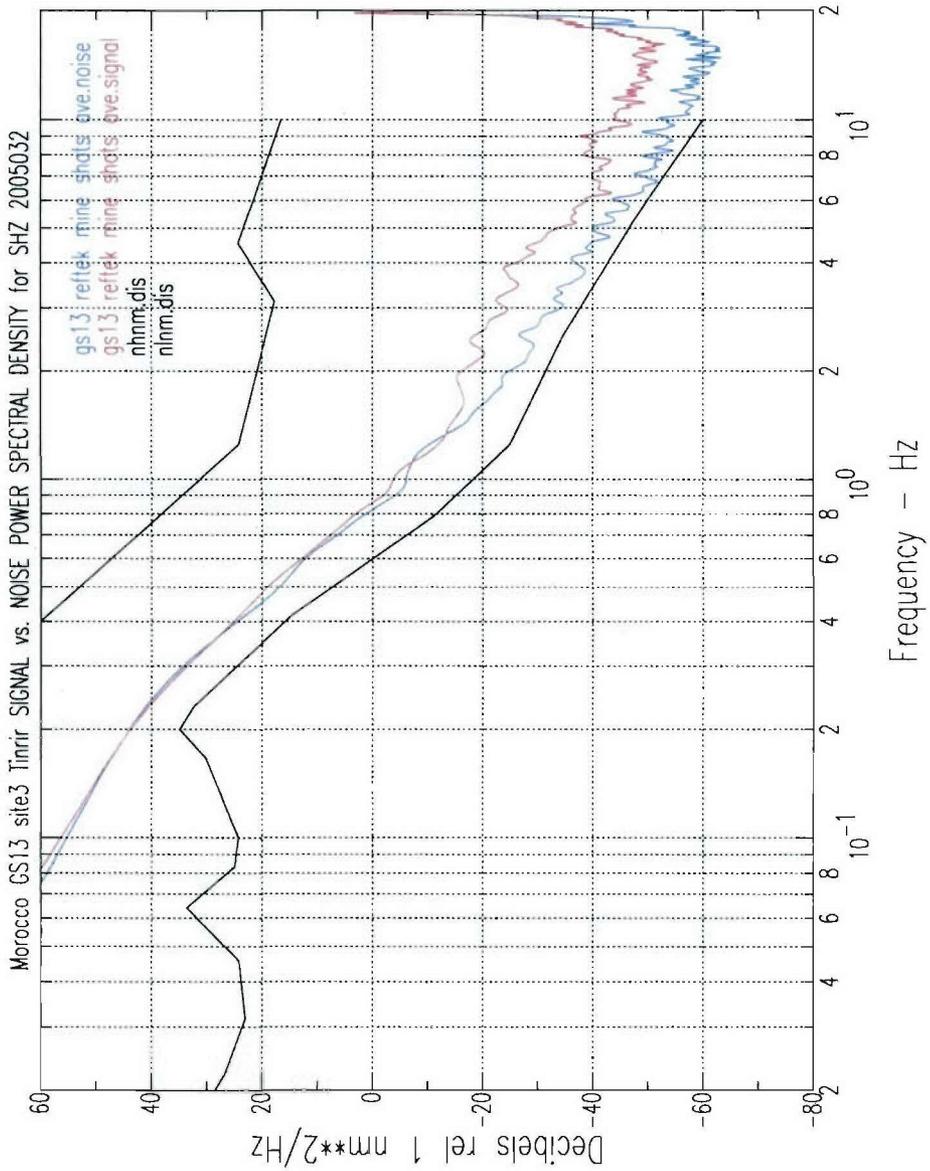


Figure C-35. Morocco Site 3 GS13 signal vs. noise spectra of local mine shots, DOY 032.

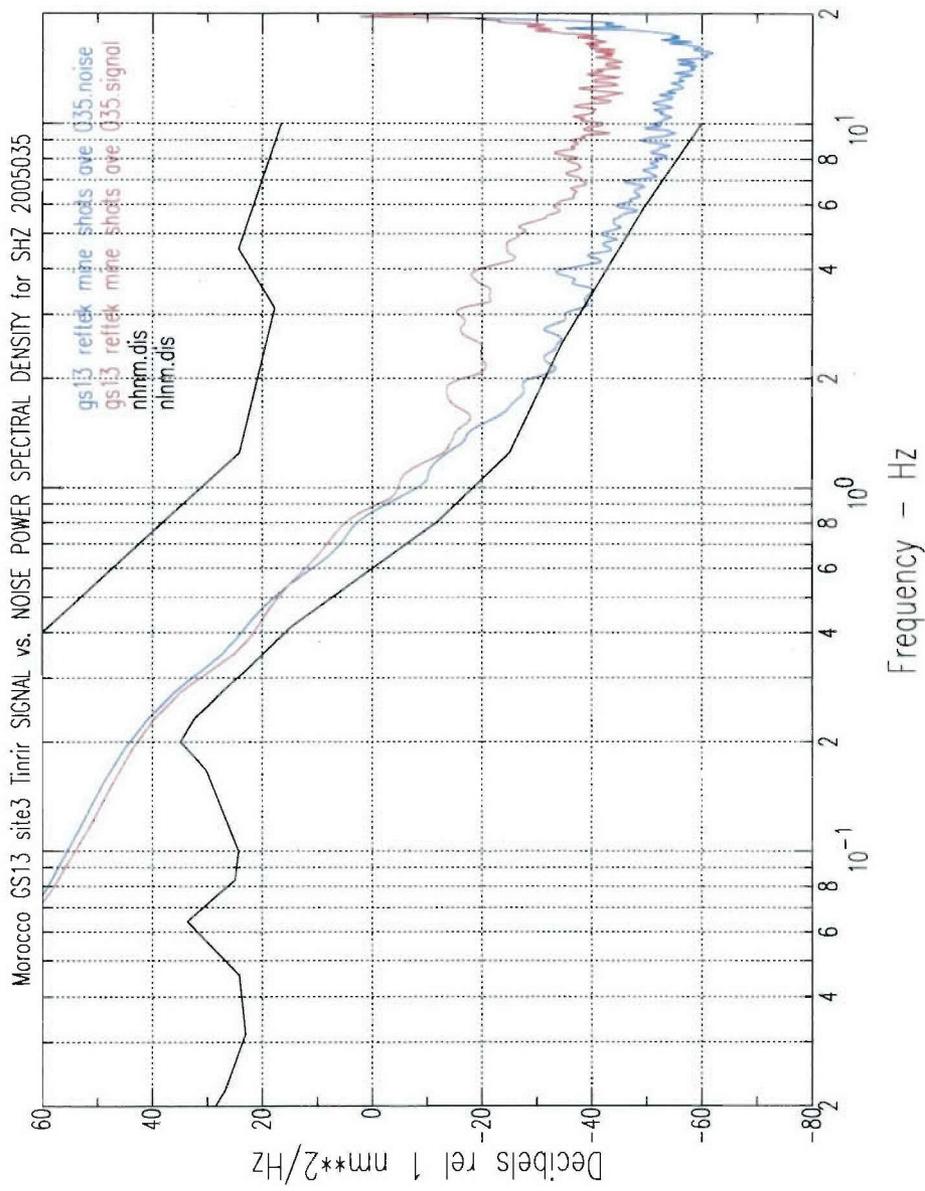


Figure C-36. Morocco Site 3 GSI3 signal vs. noise spectra of local mine shots, DOY 035.

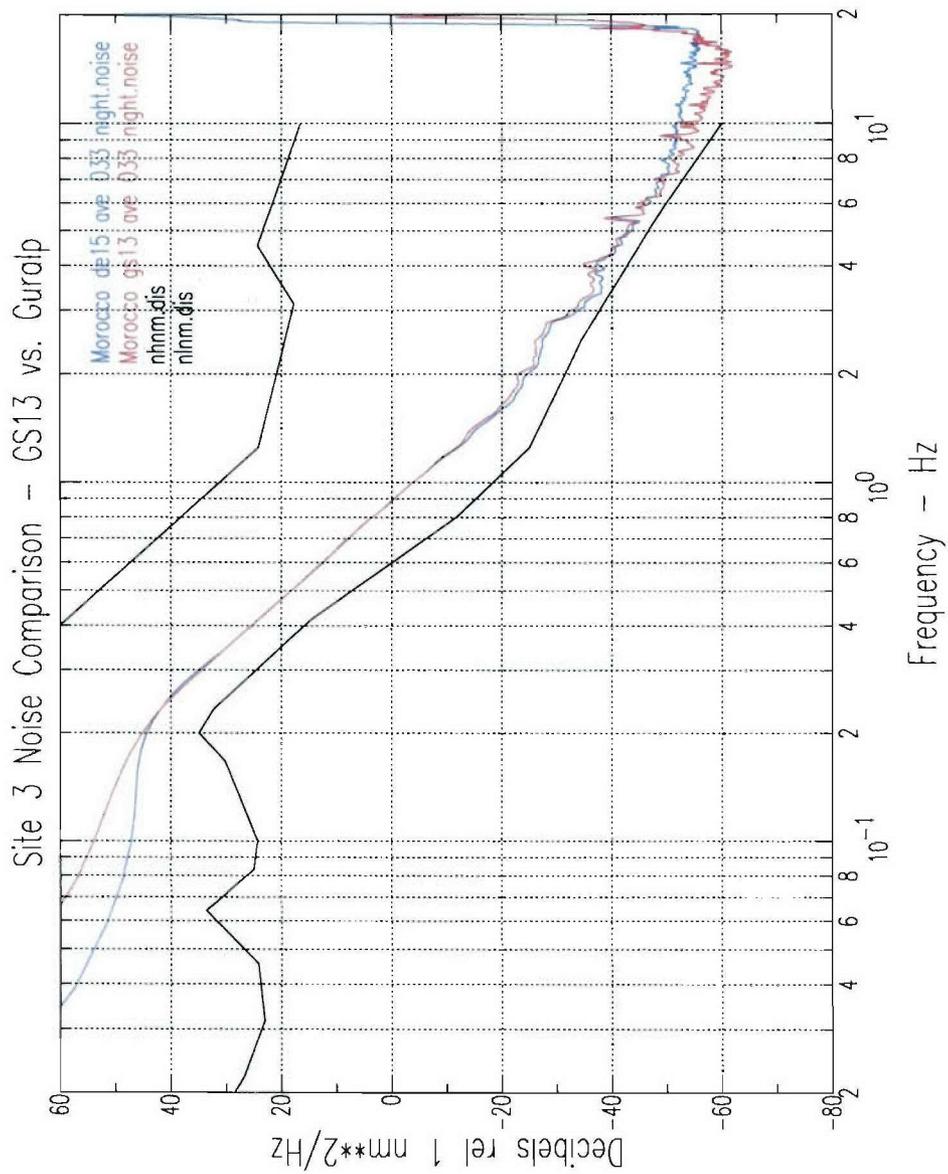


Figure C-37. Noise comparison between the GS13 Reftek and co-located Guralp system.

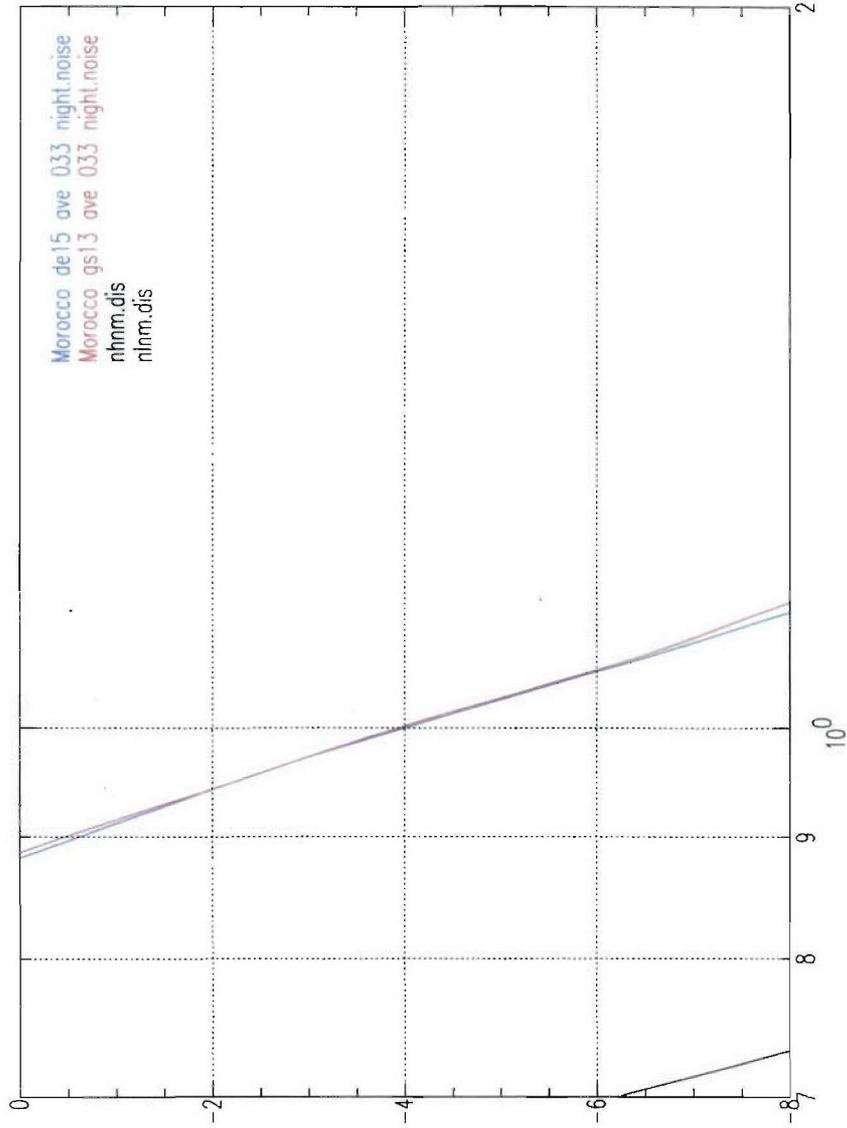


Figure C-38. Noise comparison between the GS13 Reftek and co-located Guralp system (zoom in at 1 Hz).

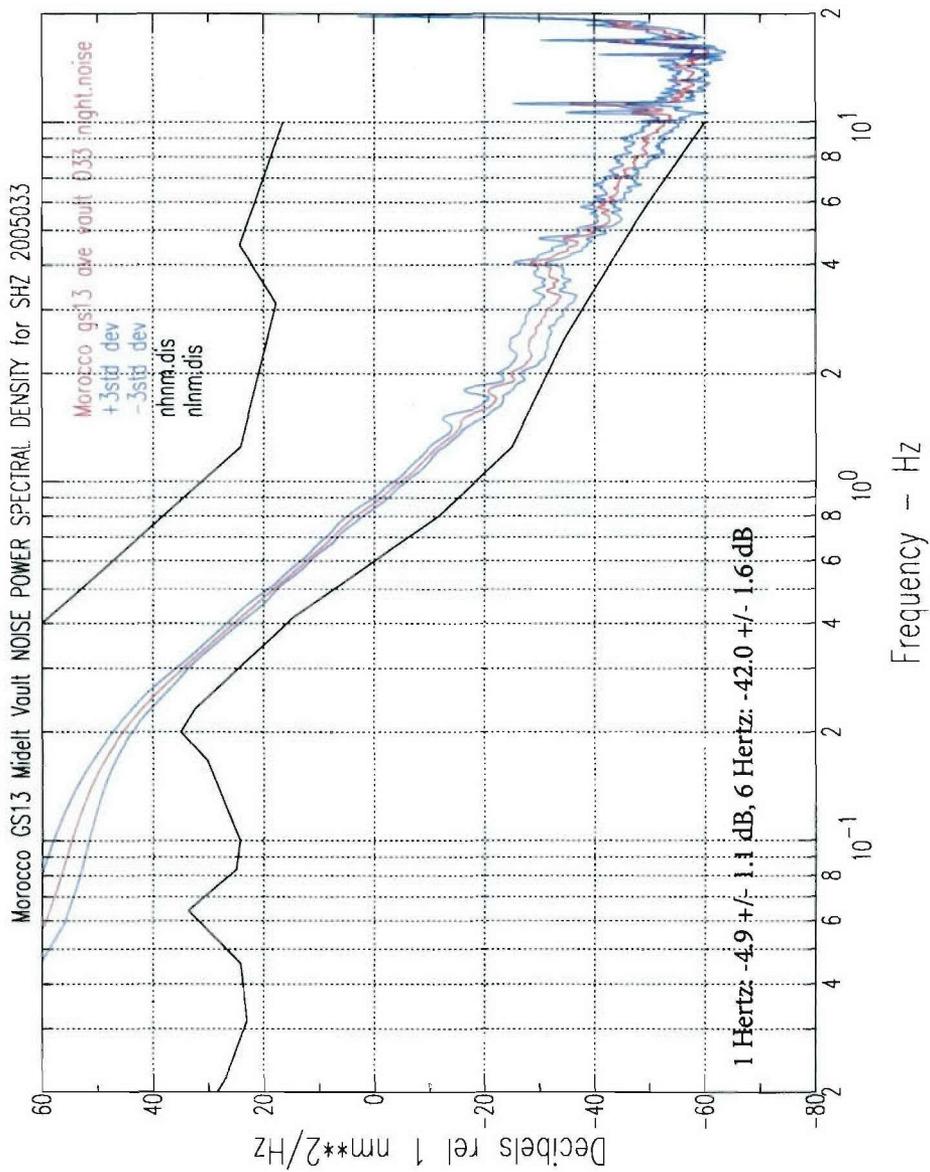


Figure C-39. Morocco GS13 Vault, DOY 033, night noise.

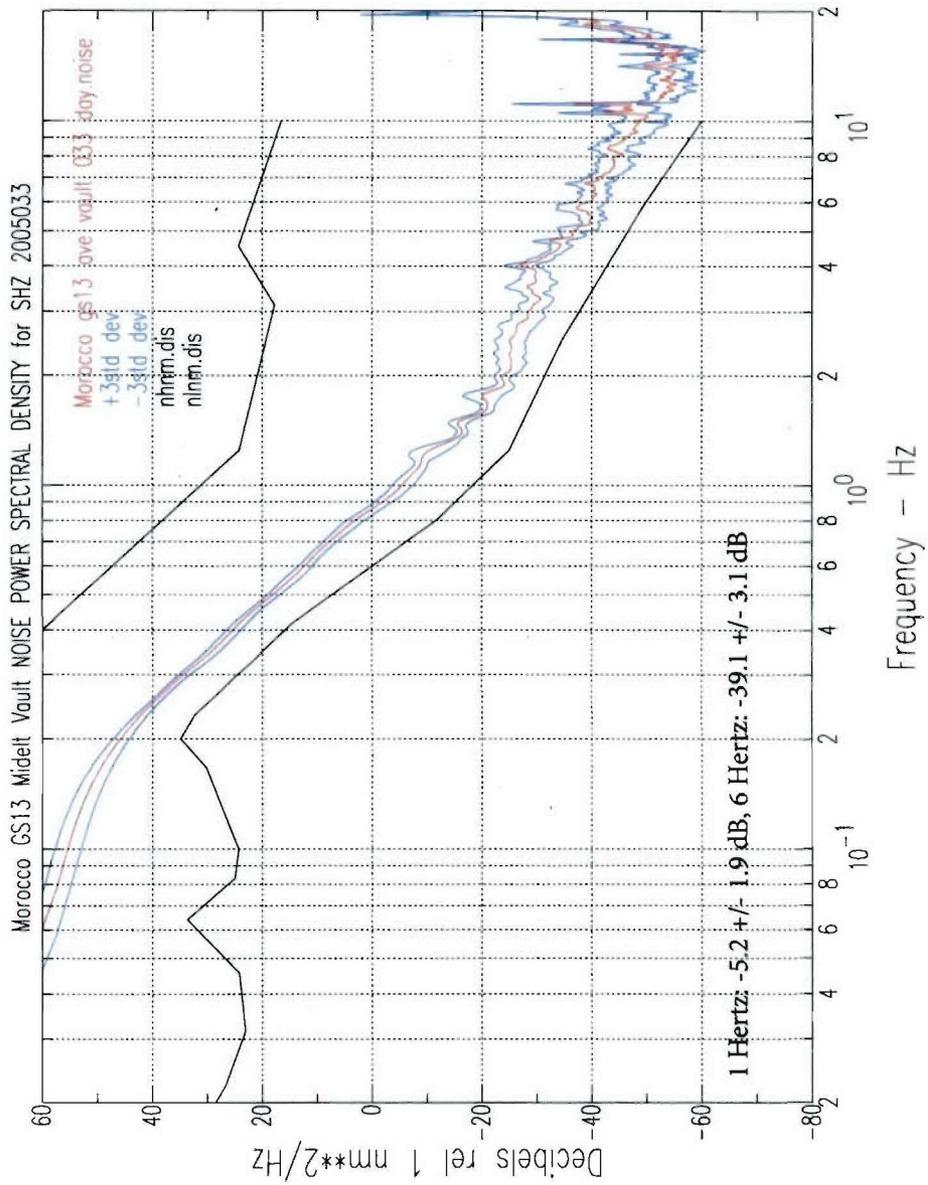


Figure C-40. Morocco GS13 Vault, DOY 033, day noise.

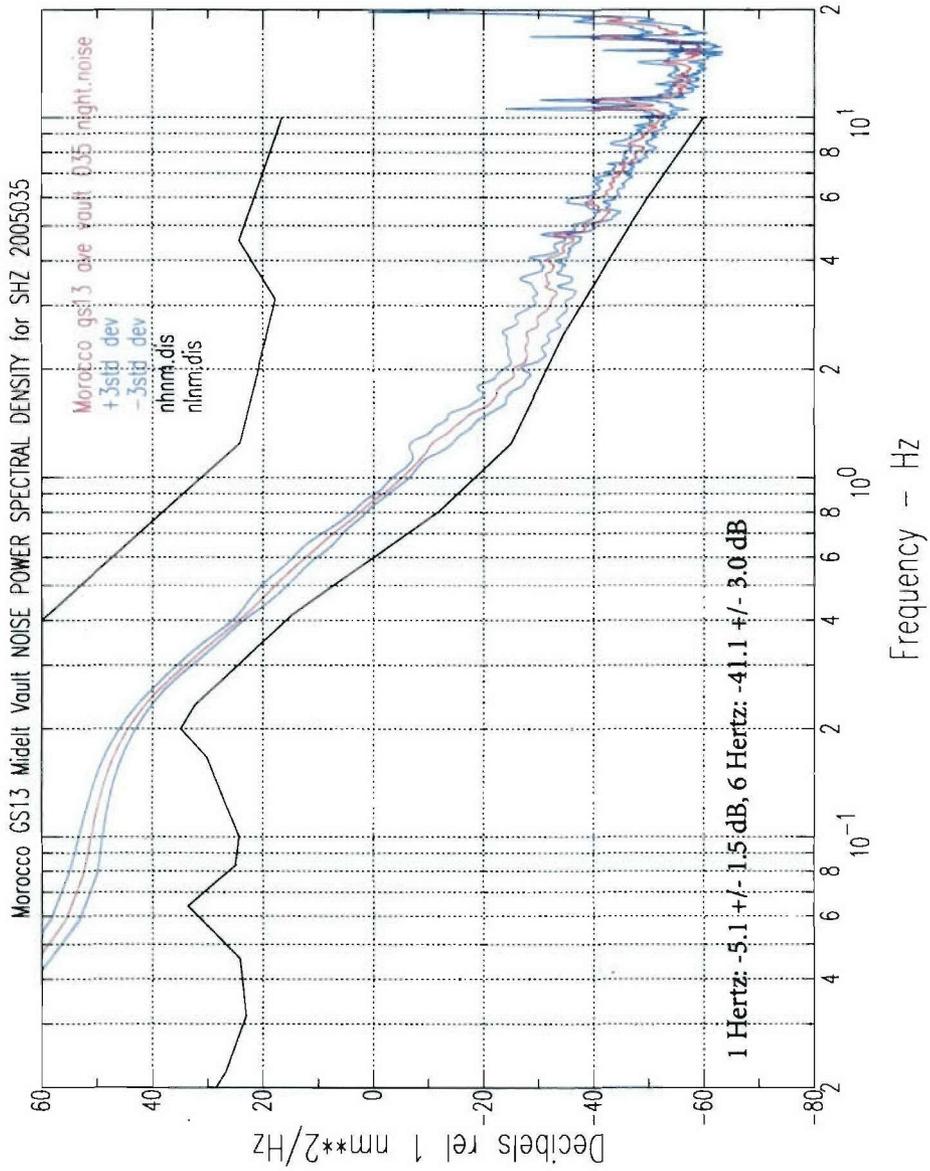


Figure C-41. Morocco GS13 Vault, DOY 035, night noise.

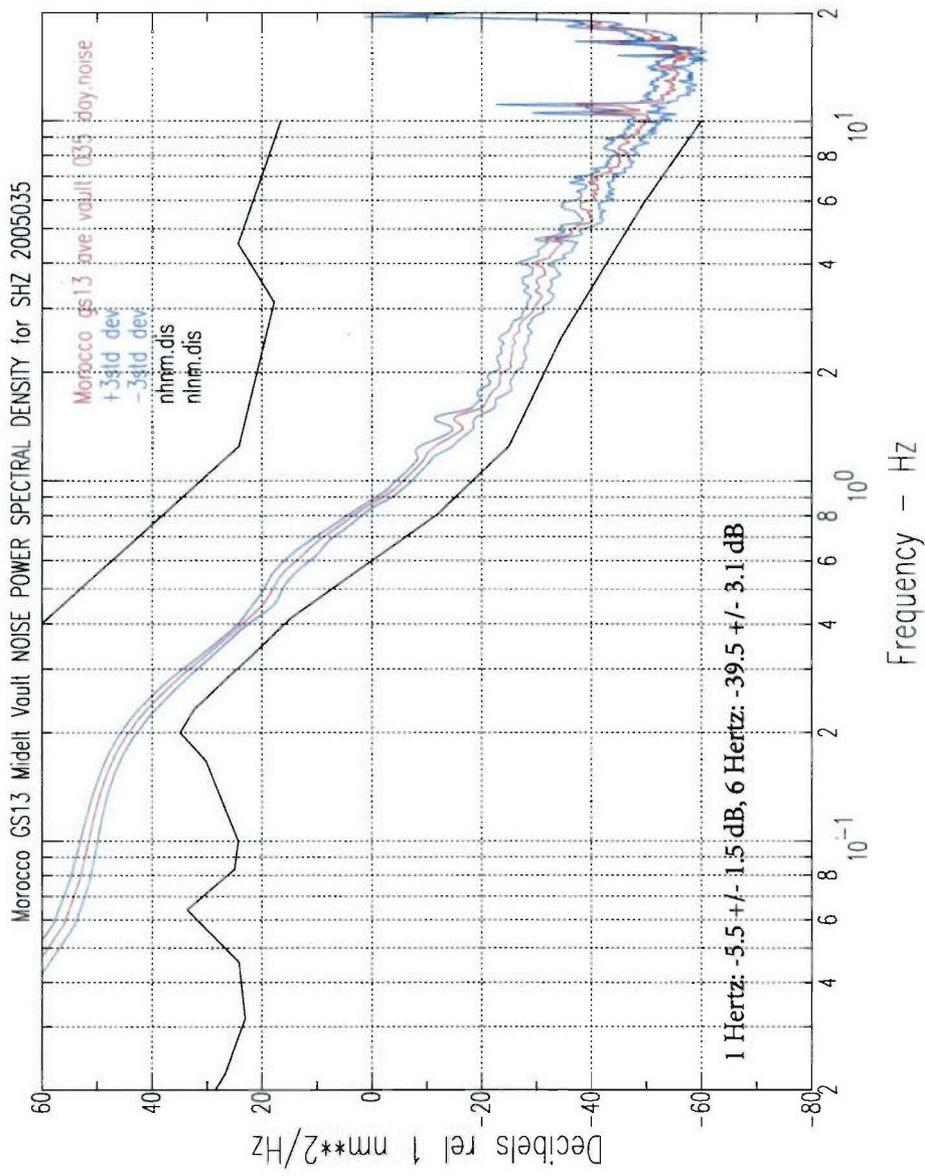


Figure C-42. Morocco GS13 Vault, DOY 035, day noise.

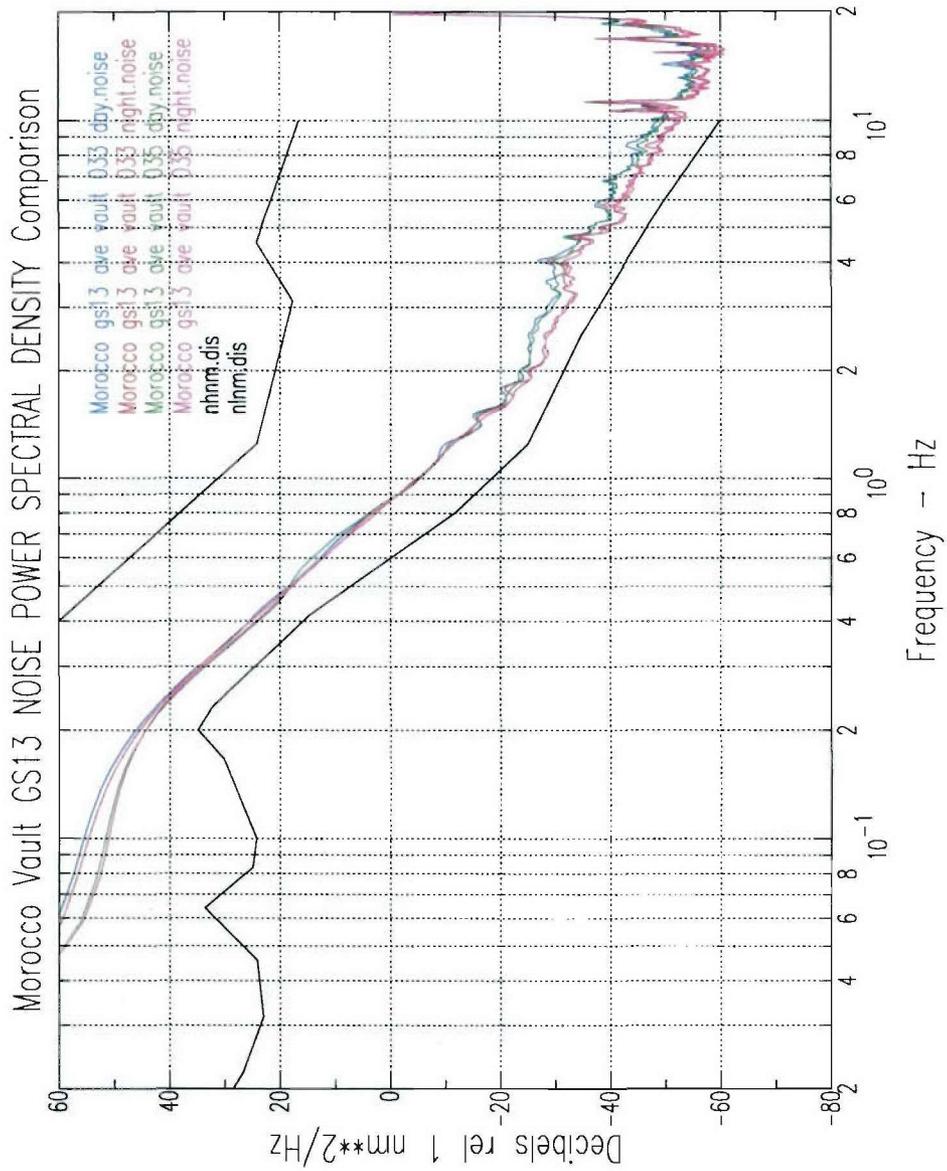


Figure C-43. Morocco Vault GS13 comparison day and night noise.

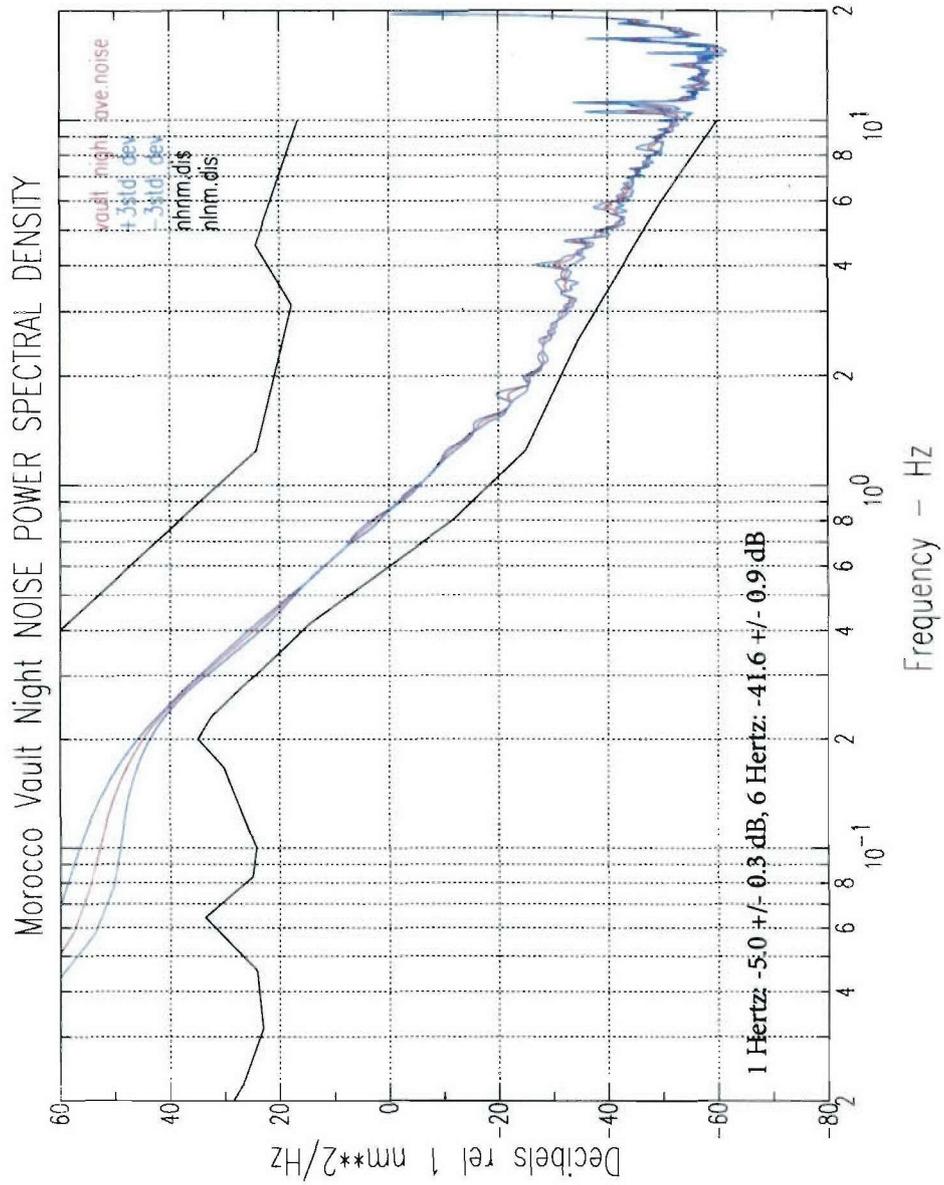


Figure C-44. Morocco Vault, night average noise.

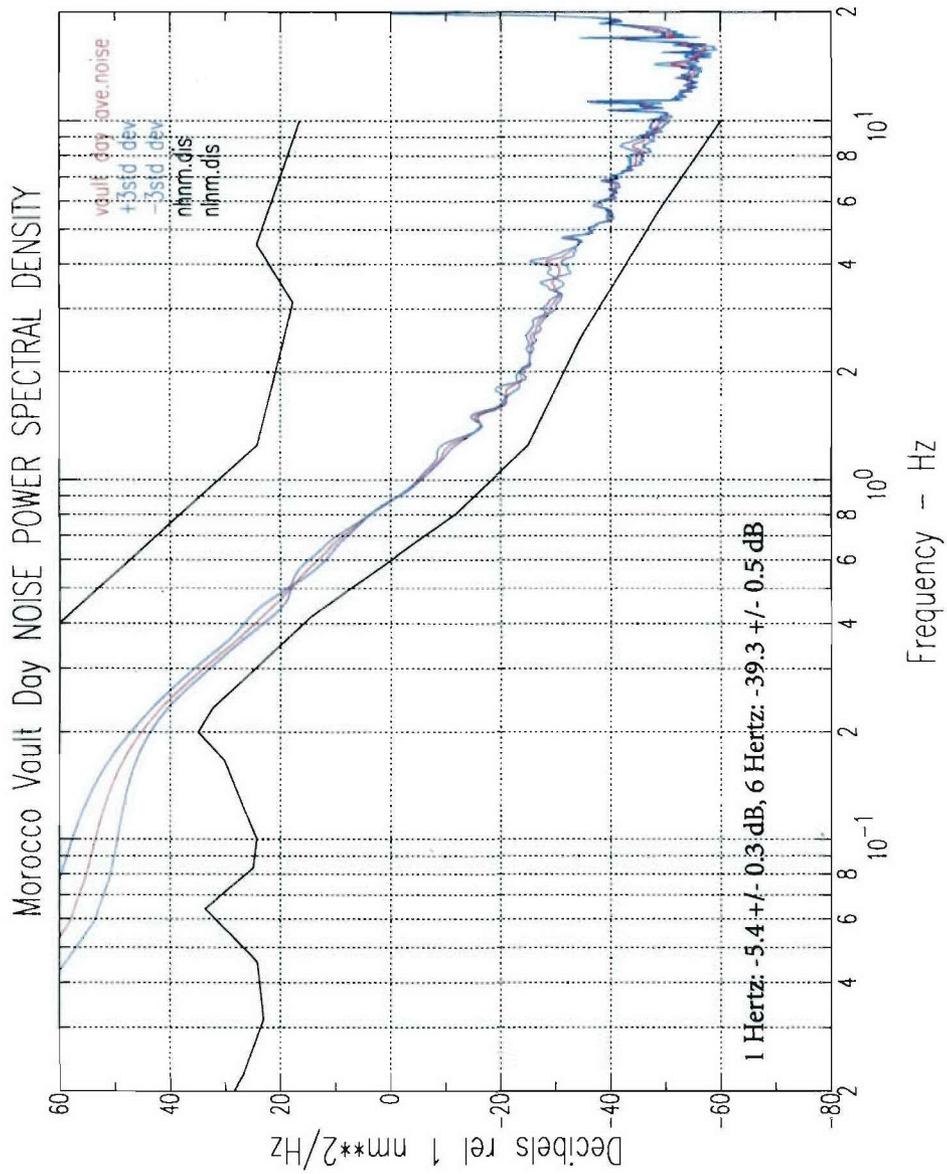


Figure C-45. Morocco Vault, day average noise.

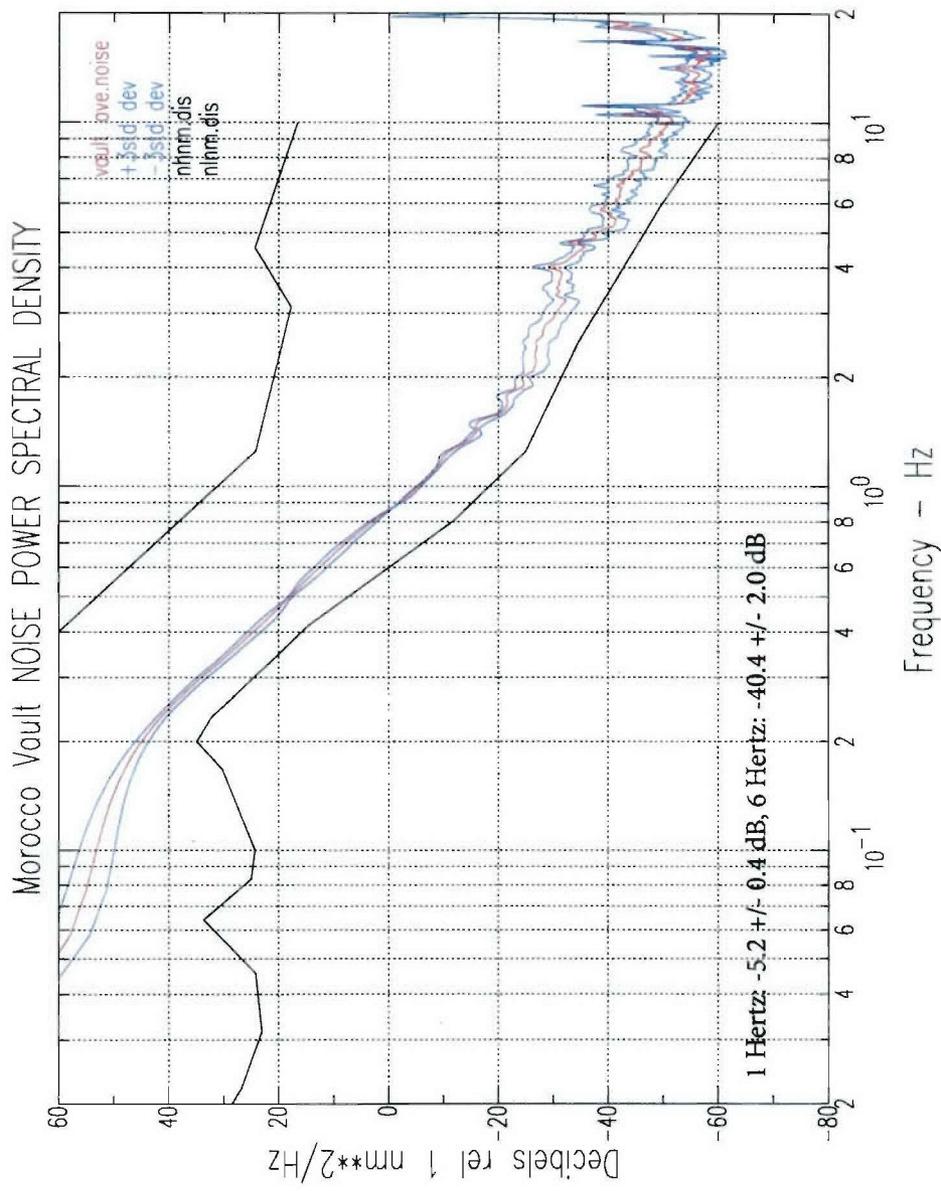


Figure C-46. Morocco Vault, average noise.

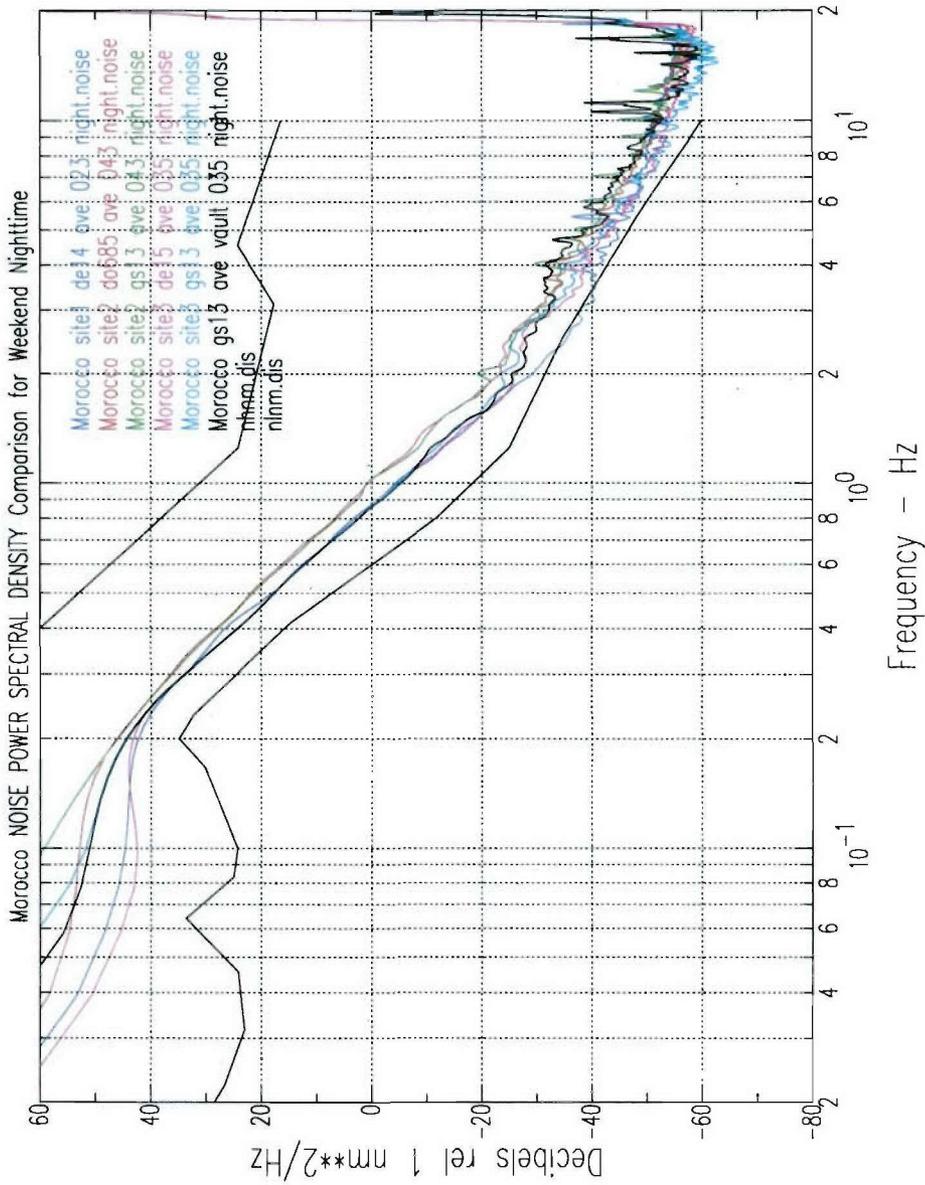


Figure C-47. Morocco site comparison of weekend nighttime noise.

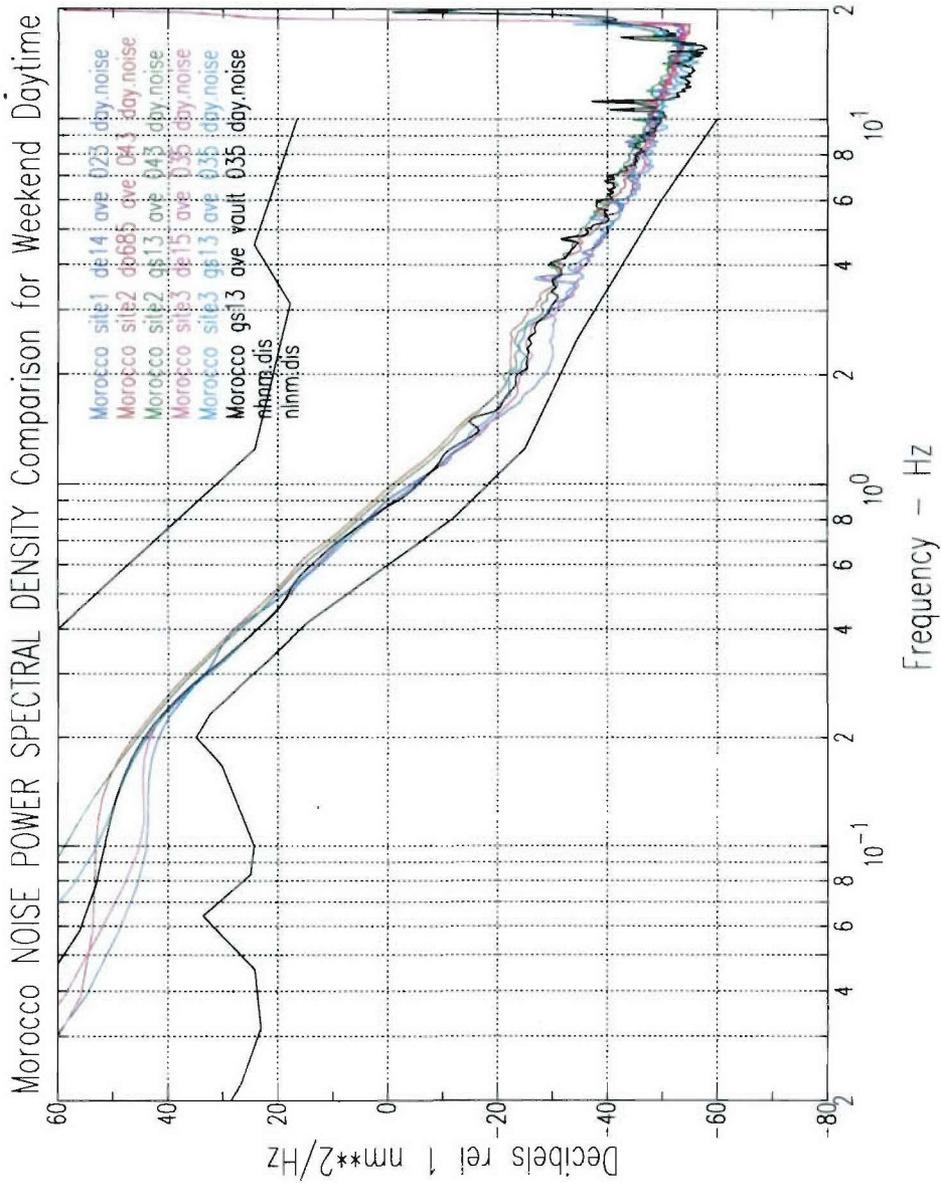


Figure C-48. Morocco site comparison of weekend daytime noise.

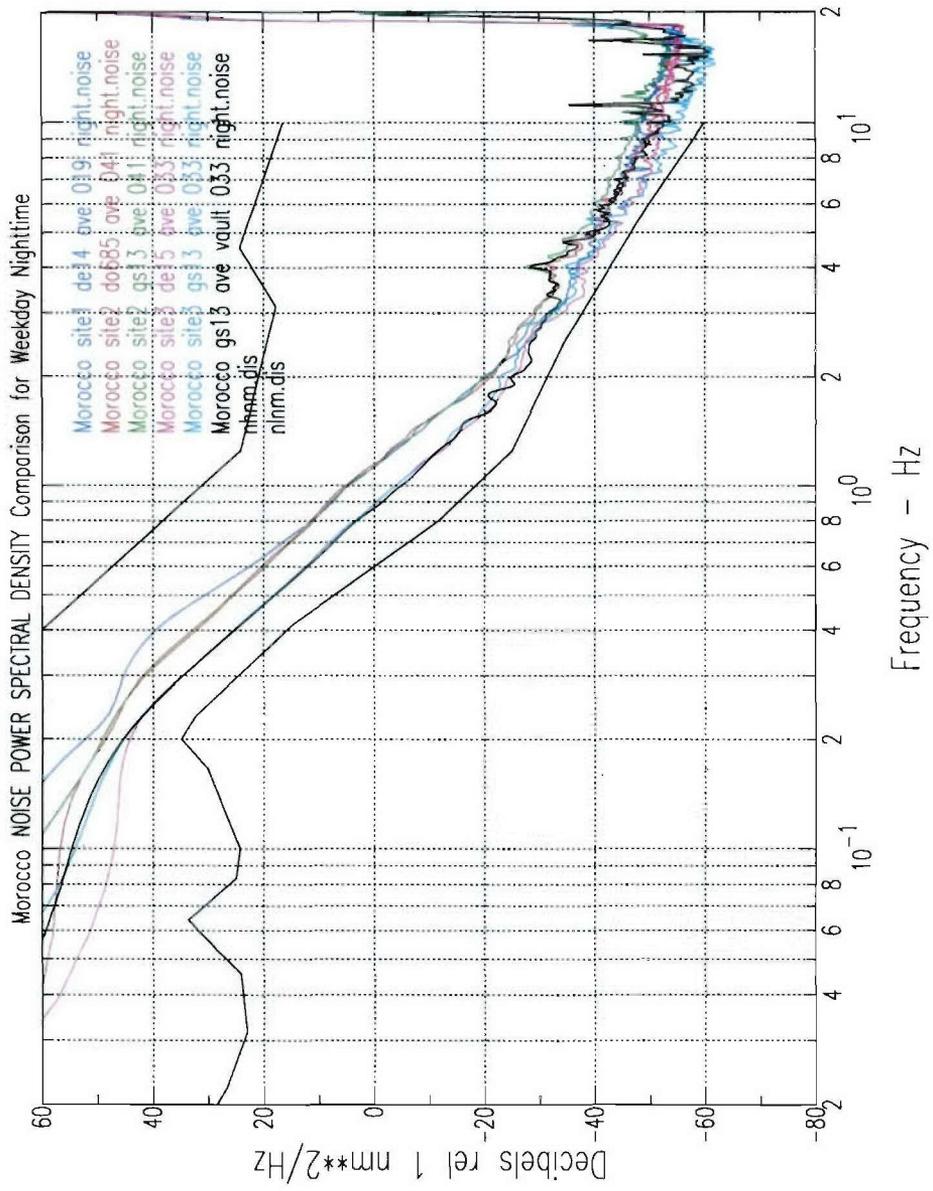


Figure C-49. Morocco site comparison of weekday nighttime noise.

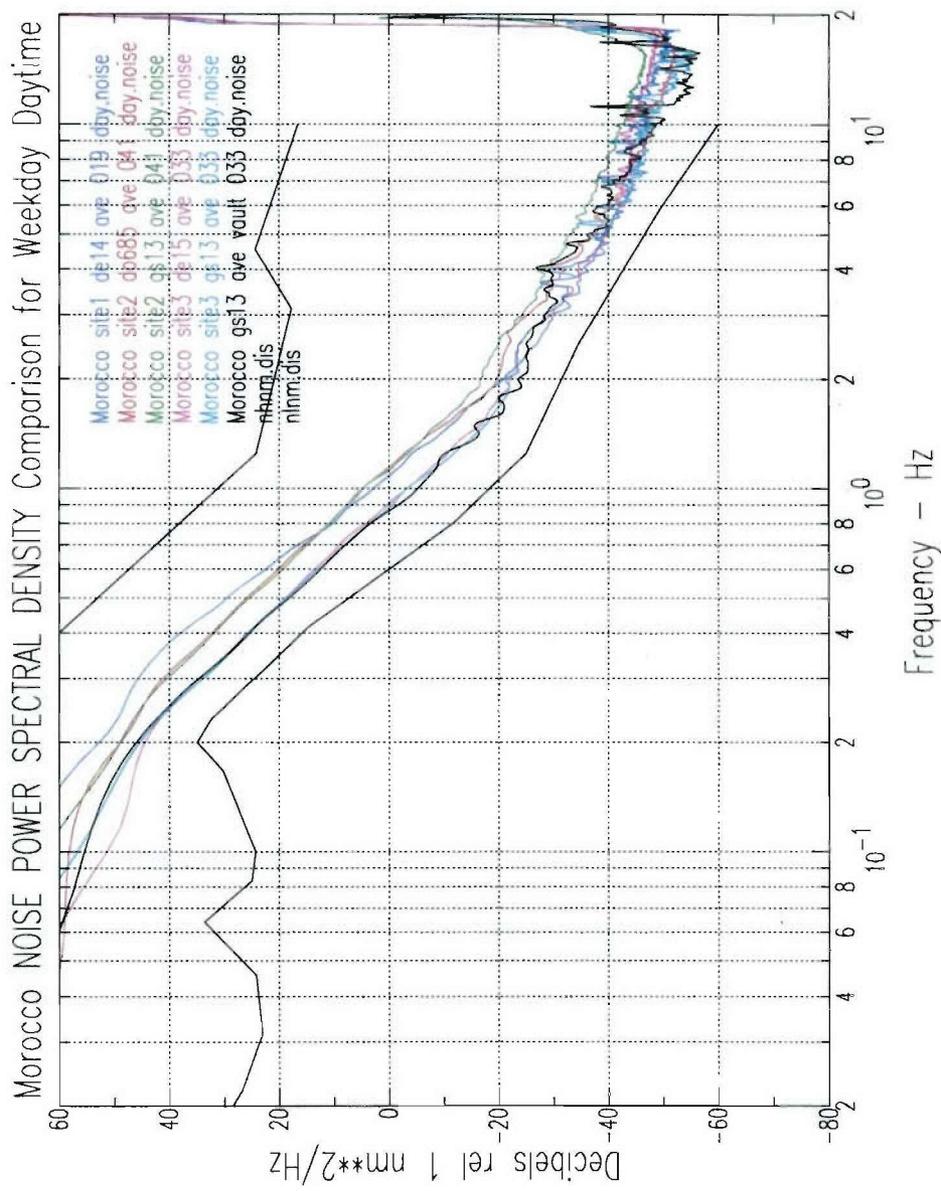


Figure C-50. Morocco site comparison of weekday daytime noise.

Appendix D

Event Tables

Table D-1: Site 1 Event Position and Origin Time

| Latitude | Longitude | Day | DOY | Time |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|--------------|
| 34.988000 | -3.897000 | 1/17/2005 | (017) | 18:38:12.390 |
| 34.950000 | -2.873000 | 1/17/2005 | (017) | 22:30:40.020 |
| 34.971411 | -2.906061 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 0:31:28.228 |
| 34.967290 | -2.955439 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 1:06:29.252 |
| 34.985895 | -2.958919 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 1:18:22.404 |
| 34.934913 | -2.898553 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 1:43:48.673 |
| 35.001594 | -2.972717 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 2:04:31.226 |
| 34.995796 | -2.933108 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 2:35:29.552 |
| 34.928795 | -2.934995 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 3:16:29.898 |
| 34.944259 | -2.928110 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 3:43:09.840 |
| 34.988557 | -2.938889 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 3:43:40.400 |
| 34.947853 | -2.963360 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 6:05:44.071 |
| 34.933638 | -2.948807 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 6:14:49.001 |
| 34.960400 | -2.968760 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 6:41:51.490 |
| 34.988935 | -2.971320 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 7:11:09.958 |
| 34.915397 | -2.944190 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 8:12:06.047 |
| 34.661679 | -2.809619 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 10:11:34.830 |
| 35.261332 | -3.048699 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 10:16:59.367 |
| 34.975013 | -2.930184 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 19:47:55.942 |
| 34.953015 | -2.977555 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 19:56:41.906 |
| 35.036000 | -3.719000 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 21:28:14.100 |
| 35.032287 | -2.956368 | 1/19/2005 | (019) | 23:56:15.071 |
| 35.056000 | 3.692000 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 0:07:17.100 |
| 35.085465 | -3.692857 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 0:07:17.956 |
| 35.090416 | -3.345715 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 0:12:58.895 |
| 34.653010 | -2.004549 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 0:14:40.739 |
| 33.880903 | -4.195534 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 0:46:25.370 |
| 34.691222 | -2.231619 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 0:47:21.791 |
| 34.569944 | -2.310638 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 0:54:40.672 |
| 34.992663 | -3.848189 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 2:01:15.415 |
| 34.946227 | -3.849268 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 2:02:51.889 |
| 34.958450 | -2.922124 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 2:06:08.234 |

Table D-1: Site 1 Event Position and Origin Time (Continued)

| Latitude | Longitude | Day | DOY | Time |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 34.938879 | -2.972363 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 2:31:49.765 |
| 34.952762 | -2.871081 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 2:42:39.071 |
| 34.979128 | -3.033539 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 2:51:02.430 |
| 34.596527 | -2.248206 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 2:52:32.834 |
| 34.933326 | -2.890187 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 4:37:17.187 |
| 34.959954 | -2.963655 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 4:38:40.527 |
| 34.919172 | -2.914681 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 4:45:36.306 |
| 34.544642 | -2.311595 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 4:54:22.947 |
| 35.072820 | -3.914181 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 4:59:54.032 |
| 34.616862 | -2.263461 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 5:06:34.035 |
| 34.596284 | -2.230349 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 5:28:35.333 |
| 34.531620 | -2.209080 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 6:04:37.590 |
| 34.939452 | -2.935548 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 6:08:52.470 |
| 34.908550 | -2.958444 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 7:39:29.340 |
| 35.205354 | -3.329341 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 17:23:42.547 |
| 34.964438 | -2.992996 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 18:21:17.945 |
| 34.940407 | -2.910454 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 18:30:51.532 |
| 34.909314 | -2.978242 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 18:41:51.761 |
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| 34.929520 | -2.942944 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 19:51:17.934 |
| 34.532834 | -2.967901 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 21:07:08.662 |
| 34.999818 | -2.940910 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 23:01:48.099 |
| 34.976157 | -2.891847 | 1/20/2005 | (020) | 23:53:57.867 |
| 39.255717 | 2.811676 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 1:54:29.788 |
| 34.917170 | -2.979033 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 5:56:20.839 |
| 34.916212 | -3.842892 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 6:43:41.567 |
| 34.904692 | -2.956757 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 7:04:44.297 |
| 35.044192 | -3.987050 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 9:50:07.863 |
| 34.963197 | -2.985611 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 10:10:51.221 |
| 34.971066 | -3.000058 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 10:17:25.346 |
| 34.863831 | -2.949411 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 10:20:53.558 |
| 34.967243 | -3.027054 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 10:21:37.524 |
| 35.222785 | -1.057744 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 12:45:37.268 |
| 34.925351 | -2.942242 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 14:51:22.774 |
| 34.975379 | -2.961173 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 16:31:47.748 |

Table D-1: Site 1 Event Position and Origin Time (Continued)

| Latitude | Longitude | Day | DOY | Time |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 34.907047 | -2.985830 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 17:20:11.653 |
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| 34.950585 | -2.965731 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 17:36:46.641 |
| 34.917907 | -2.947178 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 17:47:24.037 |
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| 33.502229 | -2.989833 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 18:20:10.746 |
| 35.081000 | 2.801000 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 18:39:07.800 |
| 34.943774 | -2.973469 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 18:39:09.094 |
| 34.902656 | -2.994055 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 18:50:50.780 |
| 34.915629 | -2.945243 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 19:07:20.308 |
| 34.915661 | -2.924315 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 19:12:10.992 |
| 34.927419 | -2.938210 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 19:53:10.197 |
| 34.957302 | -2.961955 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 20:42:52.318 |
| 34.831285 | -2.874362 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 20:55:09.399 |
| 33.517950 | -3.045353 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 21:27:40.577 |
| 34.937008 | -3.002233 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 23:47:17.036 |
| 34.925886 | -3.010706 | 1/21/2005 | (021) | 23:48:01.831 |
| 34.916413 | -2.917875 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 2:05:43.219 |
| 34.944802 | -2.973500 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 2:48:14.115 |
| 35.460444 | -4.271442 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 2:53:03.651 |
| 34.879070 | -2.973662 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 3:05:18.004 |
| 34.745054 | -4.136021 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 3:43:22.141 |
| 34.852168 | -3.921000 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 3:54:34.172 |
| 34.962270 | -3.037107 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 4:05:02.834 |
| 34.887027 | -2.996490 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 4:13:52.141 |
| 34.855907 | -3.963100 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 4:15:28.181 |
| 34.758003 | -3.866191 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 4:16:45.232 |
| 34.874450 | -3.878393 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 4:24:37.573 |
| 35.069046 | -3.545891 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 5:39:54.532 |
| 34.769980 | -2.811089 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 5:46:38.274 |
| 34.939618 | -3.036493 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 6:21:34.805 |
| 34.929171 | -2.943556 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 7:06:10.842 |
| 34.934541 | -2.946658 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 8:39:39.392 |
| 34.972378 | -2.967046 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 9:59:06.590 |

Table D-1: Site 1 Event Position and Origin Time (Continued)

| Latitude | Longitude | Day | DOY | Time |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 34.912338 | -3.025605 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 10:02:49.845 |
| 34.941293 | -0.793678 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 10:36:31.138 |
| 34.902264 | -2.933869 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 10:52:34.102 |
| 33.502905 | -3.037716 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 11:06:56.043 |
| 34.930632 | -0.682615 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 11:16:44.459 |
| 34.841485 | -4.180378 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 11:25:36.007 |
| 34.902451 | -0.711014 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 11:30:06.542 |
| 34.793550 | -0.675461 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 11:39:04.353 |
| 35.045482 | -4.006267 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 12:29:52.514 |
| 34.857429 | -2.989385 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 13:34:58.913 |
| 34.950643 | -2.938420 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 13:47:09.165 |
| 34.963113 | -2.963436 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 14:02:54.191 |
| 34.933678 | -2.961959 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 14:55:53.031 |
| 34.964459 | -2.893927 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 18:12:55.802 |
| 34.872190 | -2.981821 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 18:23:43.512 |
| 35.013794 | -3.852666 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 18:55:22.430 |
| 37.731752 | -0.823241 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 19:06:21.023 |
| 35.034224 | -2.926450 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 19:45:43.868 |
| 34.879041 | -2.997254 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 20:21:35.610 |
| 34.937613 | -3.001611 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 20:42:31.394 |
| 34.960746 | -2.943086 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 20:44:37.790 |
| 34.957332 | -2.965457 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 21:13:54.002 |
| 34.840708 | -2.887076 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 21:38:04.881 |
| 36.283857 | -4.990392 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 21:40:07.600 |
| 34.945200 | -2.991113 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 22:07:20.426 |
| 35.087116 | -3.844920 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 22:17:24.325 |
| 34.924137 | -2.971547 | 1/22/2005 | (022) | 23:36:15.285 |
| 34.936976 | -1.981712 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 0:04:53.295 |
| 34.902414 | -2.970820 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 0:18:18.300 |
| 34.984944 | -2.929801 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 0:31:20.433 |
| 34.998288 | -3.808611 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 1:19:11.668 |
| 35.080384 | -3.823107 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 2:28:04.783 |
| 34.788821 | -4.189773 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 2:53:49.167 |
| 35.027356 | -3.833667 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 3:21:26.068 |
| 34.835810 | -2.899265 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 3:25:55.957 |

Table D-1: Site 1 Event Position and Origin Time (Continued)

| Latitude | Longitude | Day | DOY | Time |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 34.944286 | -2.989911 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 5:00:29.855 |
| 35.000623 | -3.809293 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 5:30:29.342 |
| 36.709041 | 3.678693 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 6:00:48.681 |
| 37.369106 | -9.822544 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 6:15:39.219 |
| 35.114717 | -3.978258 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 6:33:47.996 |
| 34.845206 | -2.868530 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 6:39:17.600 |
| 34.801214 | -2.848055 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 11:29:42.807 |
| 34.900803 | -3.022373 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 11:38:55.481 |
| 34.973764 | -2.943882 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 17:08:18.405 |
| 34.992002 | -3.798328 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 17:34:11.175 |
| 34.936392 | -3.039383 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 18:49:31.969 |
| 33.671000 | -5.962000 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 19:07:25.160 |
| 34.708055 | -2.803736 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 19:21:38.672 |
| 32.676942 | -1.158144 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 20:10:23.933 |
| 34.911495 | -2.932935 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 23:34:50.038 |
| 34.929556 | -3.730432 | 1/23/2005 | (023) | 23:47:51.477 |
| 34.900707 | -3.027832 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 0:05:40.221 |
| 34.900707 | -3.027832 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 0:05:40.221 |
| 34.945669 | -2.969801 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 0:10:30.901 |
| 36.096732 | -3.777392 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 0:22:10.202 |
| 34.942551 | -2.993619 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 0:37:48.533 |
| 34.875626 | -2.923802 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 1:00:20.338 |
| 34.851514 | -2.886998 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 1:23:28.009 |
| 35.157734 | -1.639266 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 1:34:00.965 |
| 35.231082 | -2.159604 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 1:34:04.076 |
| 34.746194 | -2.269535 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 1:37:05.362 |
| 34.944543 | -2.981147 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 1:43:32.709 |
| 34.866614 | -2.949084 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 1:43:34.265 |
| 34.600888 | -2.284541 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 1:49:15.950 |
| 34.628749 | -2.209680 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 1:58:47.674 |
| 34.627130 | -2.226048 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 2:05:08.520 |
| 34.663400 | -2.236454 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 2:07:58.531 |
| 34.677654 | -2.193239 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 2:10:52.363 |
| 34.629586 | -2.178835 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 2:19:52.289 |
| 34.794297 | -3.357796 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 2:23:28.001 |

Table D-1: Site 1 Event Position and Origin Time (Continued)

| Latitude | Longitude | Day | DOY | Time |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------------|
| 34.630490 | -2.201693 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 2:25:01.781 |
| 34.628619 | -2.160474 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 2:28:57.054 |
| 34.605609 | -2.194837 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 2:31:54.963 |
| 34.572180 | -2.171230 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 2:41:46.458 |
| 34.600869 | -2.182382 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 2:46:33.188 |
| 34.643818 | -2.197735 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 3:03:47.521 |
| 34.946599 | -3.004068 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 3:09:23.339 |
| 34.617755 | -2.213244 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 3:28:34.267 |
| 34.964717 | -3.876883 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 4:51:42.047 |
| 35.489103 | -1.540823 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 5:41:25.166 |
| 34.930427 | -2.972791 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 5:56:47.591 |
| 34.933521 | -3.022654 | 1/24/2005 | (024) | 8:22:57.298 |

Table D-2: Site 2 Event Position and Origin Time

| Latitude | Longitude | Day | DOY | Time |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|--------------|
| 34.488754 | -6.437109 | 2/01/2005 | (032) | 22:28:53.967 |
| 33.126929 | -3.614231 | 2/09/2005 | (040) | 14:59:49.932 |
| 31.064251 | -7.247926 | 2/09/2005 | (040) | 15:09:57.899 |
| 31.808855 | -6.334802 | 2/09/2005 | (040) | 15:47:11.311 |
| 34.413594 | -7.727536 | 2/10/2005 | (041) | 16:44:07.455 |
| 31.881238 | -8.013179 | 2/10/2005 | (041) | 16:44:09.775 |
| 33.818359 | -4.174014 | 2/10/2005 | (041) | 19:25:50.225 |
| 32.956811 | -5.058166 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 1:22:00.894 |
| 30.282522 | 2.801233 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 1:52:42.138 |
| 33.379062 | -5.302364 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 4:58:46.797 |
| 34.807215 | -4.137963 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 5:24:46.461 |
| 34.781592 | -4.333142 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 5:24:48.063 |
| 32.814020 | -5.106167 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 7:04:52.861 |
| 34.136580 | -4.965693 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 8:52:21.180 |
| 33.474152 | -5.586085 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 12:33:55.653 |
| 34.485902 | -7.020010 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 12:58:21.484 |
| 34.608894 | -4.773588 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 14:44:13.705 |
| 34.608894 | -4.773588 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 14:44:13.705 |
| 33.126354 | -6.811830 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 16:24:07.489 |
| 33.126354 | -6.811830 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 16:24:07.489 |

Table D-2: Site 2 Event Position and Origin Time (Continued)

| Latitude | Longitude | Day | DOY | Time |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 32.532504 | -6.785168 | 2/11/2005 | (042) | 17:01:19.220 |
| 32.177959 | -4.224363 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 1:38:02.946 |
| 32.503951 | -2.979886 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 3:41:27.902 |
| 32.801658 | -4.790549 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 5:39:32.086 |
| 33.307781 | -5.270079 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 7:15:22.807 |
| 36.099483 | -8.927822 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 8:00:45.296 |
| 33.885664 | -5.025936 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 10:46:04.948 |
| 33.646481 | -4.800319 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 12:13:00.782 |
| 33.876845 | -2.180027 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 13:04:07.068 |
| 33.607567 | -2.752791 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 13:16:42.059 |
| 33.911209 | -4.961653 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 13:32:20.329 |
| 33.931726 | -3.982994 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 15:31:27.081 |
| 34.509268 | -7.478536 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 15:38:20.830 |
| 34.623770 | -3.597107 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 16:03:12.056 |
| 32.482078 | -3.447753 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 16:16:24.467 |
| 33.614496 | -4.843181 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 17:59:32.155 |
| 34.575926 | -6.057895 | 2/12/2005 | (043) | 19:11:12.807 |
| 33.438870 | -4.638174 | 2/13/2005 | (044) | 0:14:27.972 |
| 37.381936 | -9.035518 | 2/13/2005 | (044) | 0:23:36.800 |
| 32.645907 | -4.773123 | 2/13/2005 | (044) | 5:01:01.219 |
| 33.123833 | -6.025350 | 2/13/2005 | (044) | 7:29:29.835 |

Table D-3: Site 3 Event Position and Origin Time

| Latitude | Longitude | Origin Time |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 35.037000 | -3.802000 | 1/30/2005 (030) 17:09:55.540 |
| 35.311481 | -9.956352 | 1/30/2005 (030) 19:35:16.179 |
| 31.369002 | -5.763530 | 1/30/2005 (030) 22:07:15.817 |
| 35.045000 | -3.798000 | 1/30/2005 (030) 22:19:16.600 |
| 31.187843 | -5.218374 | 1/31/2005 (031) 2:41:29.333 |
| 32.683745 | -5.133385 | 1/31/2005 (031) 3:40:49.535 |
| 32.708136 | -5.144037 | 1/31/2005 (031) 4:04:45.155 |
| 30.555351 | -7.003837 | 1/31/2005 (031) 5:17:31.043 |
| 31.511662 | -5.759745 | 1/31/2005 (031) 5:42:01.192 |
| 33.423220 | -6.142889 | 1/31/2005 (031) 13:22:41.907 |
| 34.453258 | -4.114174 | 1/31/2005 (031) 15:28:00.973 |

Table D-3: Site 3 Event Position and Origin Time (Continued)

| Latitude | Longitude | Origin Time |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 31.651888 | -5.583669 | 1/31/2005 (031) 15:29:24.733 |
| 32.463331 | -7.013117 | 1/31/2005 (031) 16:08:23.808 |
| 31.507055 | -6.141322 | 1/31/2005 (031) 16:10:31.479 |
| 33.420702 | -2.034745 | 1/31/2005 (031) 16:57:53.602 |
| 32.396803 | -6.044701 | 1/31/2005 (031) 20:35:32.119 |
| 35.871232 | -9.645744 | 2/01/2005 (032) 1:49:41.865 |
| 35.344196 | -9.907622 | 2/01/2005 (032) 1:49:45.581 |
| 35.344137 | -9.907643 | 2/01/2005 (032) 1:49:45.582 |
| 32.610045 | -5.654530 | 2/01/2005 (032) 5:31:09.902 |
| 35.630670 | -11.10201 | 2/01/2005 (032) 11:46:17.545 |
| 35.630209 | -11.10229 | 2/01/2005 (032) 11:46:17.546 |
| 32.609790 | -6.820489 | 2/01/2005 (032) 13:26:44.160 |
| 32.498807 | -6.958069 | 2/01/2005 (032) 13:26:44.272 |
| 32.498807 | -6.958069 | 2/01/2005 (032) 13:26:44.272 |
| 31.342449 | -5.711852 | 2/01/2005 (032) 13:54:51.432 |
| 32.512527 | -7.063299 | 2/01/2005 (032) 14:40:55.854 |
| 33.543517 | -6.382771 | 2/01/2005 (032) 14:42:24.719 |
| 31.752502 | -8.192057 | 2/01/2005 (032) 14:42:26.760 |
| 32.508243 | -7.254356 | 2/01/2005 (032) 14:55:01.709 |
| 32.789083 | -7.061566 | 2/01/2005 (032) 15:49:31.852 |
| 32.521758 | -7.016625 | 2/01/2005 (032) 15:49:35.409 |
| 31.837189 | -6.624709 | 2/01/2005 (032) 18:44:18.486 |
| 31.345402 | -5.709557 | 2/01/2005 (032) 21:37:39.371 |
| 31.328031 | -5.669420 | 2/01/2005 (032) 21:40:07.354 |
| 31.345384 | -5.688810 | 2/01/2005 (032) 21:46:27.085 |
| 31.342352 | -5.699913 | 2/01/2005 (032) 21:55:52.137 |
| 31.318488 | -5.694599 | 2/01/2005 (032) 21:57:09.285 |
| 31.150939 | -7.087147 | 2/02/2005 (033) 8:24:41.863 |
| 32.510154 | -6.771067 | 2/02/2005 (033) 14:55:12.120 |
| 32.510033 | -6.770907 | 2/02/2005 (033) 14:55:12.122 |
| 32.559967 | -6.842499 | 2/02/2005 (033) 14:58:41.120 |
| 32.441973 | -6.855465 | 2/02/2005 (033) 15:19:56.673 |
| 32.461092 | -6.916794 | 2/02/2005 (033) 16:14:35.512 |
| 31.750961 | -8.203209 | 2/02/2005 (033) 17:16:01.992 |
| 31.564895 | -8.871284 | 2/02/2005 (033) 17:49:10.937 |

Table D-3: Site 3 Event Position and Origin Time (Continued)

| Latitude | Longitude | Origin Time |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 33.744734 | -6.467133 | 2/02/2005 (033) 19:57:32.594 |
| 32.303767 | -5.373532 | 2/02/2005 (033) 21:01:05.012 |
| 32.292431 | -5.355046 | 2/02/2005 (033) 21:01:05.113 |
| 31.339932 | -5.731601 | 2/02/2005 (033) 22:00:38.751 |
| 35.063000 | -3.791000 | 2/03/2005 (034) 0:47:05.000 |
| 35.264508 | -11.01000 | 2/03/2005 (034) 3:20:06.338 |
| 34.015209 | -6.131742 | 2/03/2005 (034) 11:34:51.093 |
| 33.481334 | -5.966348 | 2/03/2005 (034) 11:34:58.205 |
| 37.938000 | 1.740000 | 2/03/2005 (034) 11:40:33.970 |
| 32.500977 | -6.809942 | 2/03/2005 (034) 14:30:46.080 |
| 32.572105 | -6.999828 | 2/03/2005 (034) 15:06:50.342 |
| 32.530677 | -6.856385 | 2/03/2005 (034) 15:14:33.491 |
| 32.532942 | -6.921215 | 2/03/2005 (034) 15:29:22.143 |
| 31.665732 | -7.925041 | 2/03/2005 (034) 15:42:09.708 |
| 32.438753 | -6.869946 | 2/03/2005 (034) 15:45:04.451 |
| 35.624150 | -10.52803 | 2/03/2005 (034) 16:08:46.831 |
| 32.691464 | -3.419102 | 2/03/2005 (034) 18:34:20.678 |
| 31.280406 | -5.877584 | 2/03/2005 (034) 23:41:32.599 |
| 37.884000 | -1.636000 | 2/04/2005 (035) 1:09:41.800 |
| 38.077628 | -5.562016 | 2/04/2005 (035) 1:09:43.697 |
| 32.371447 | -6.298191 | 2/04/2005 (035) 3:23:03.751 |
| 35.825153 | -10.76870 | 2/04/2005 (035) 3:34:01.638 |
| 31.336022 | -5.724263 | 2/04/2005 (035) 5:56:04.408 |
| 31.744482 | -8.451558 | 2/04/2005 (035) 12:16:00.972 |
| 33.685384 | -5.578584 | 2/04/2005 (035) 13:09:49.991 |
| 31.845868 | -7.962522 | 2/04/2005 (035) 13:34:16.049 |
| 31.939281 | -6.447602 | 2/04/2005 (035) 14:52:10.307 |
| 31.285418 | -7.012685 | 2/04/2005 (035) 15:19:47.538 |
| 32.471791 | -6.859651 | 2/04/2005 (035) 16:25:58.313 |
| 32.451615 | -6.747319 | 2/04/2005 (035) 16:43:13.201 |
| 31.483419 | -8.704057 | 2/04/2005 (035) 16:55:02.104 |
| 32.503832 | -6.959961 | 2/04/2005 (035) 17:46:42.483 |
| 31.376105 | -5.168121 | 2/04/2005 (035) 19:30:47.002 |
| 33.128000 | 5.318000 | 2/05/2005 (036) 3:56:04.700 |
| 32.063791 | -5.552067 | 2/05/2005 (036) 4:11:14.639 |

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